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\$145M budget heads to Inos

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A \$145-million budget bill for next fiscal year has left the Legislature and now awaits the vetting of the Executive Branch before the hopeful signature of Gov. Eloy S. Inos to make the bill law and avoid a government shutdown next week.

"Even if the Legislature passes the budget, I just can't rubber stamp it," said Inos in an interview yesterday morning, before the House and Senate held separate sessions to pass the bill.

The House adopted the bill yesterday with 18 "yes" votes against two "no" votes. The Senate adopted it unanimously, with all nine members voting yes.

Inos has until next Wednesday, Sept. 30, the close of the fiscal year, to sign the budget into law.

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Tinian Mayor's Office lays off more than 40 staff

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More than 40 employees of the Tinian Mayor's Office were laid off last Friday because the island municipality no longer has the money to pay them following the expected closure of Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino this month.



San Nicolas

Tinian Mayor Joey P. San Nicolas told *Saipan Tribune* that he had to inform more than 40 Tinian Mayor's Office employees that their last day was Friday, Sept. 18.

"Unfortunately, I had to inform employees that their last day was Friday as we just do not have the funds to sustain their employment," he said. "Taxes and fees collected from the casino is what allows Tinian

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Rep. Antonio Sablan and other lawmakers who led fiscal year budget talks explained the points of their bicameral compromise budget bill yesterday before it was voted and passed by the House.

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The Philippine Consulate in Guam started their fourth consular mobile mission in the CNMI this year. They will stay on Saipan until Friday and move on to Tinian for the weekend.

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FOR PCG'S NEXT CONSULAR MISSION

Passport renewals may soon be on first-come, first-served basis

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Representatives of the Philippine Consulate General in Guam who are on island for their fourth mobile consular mission this year are thinking of changing the process for passport renewals.

According to Consul Edgar Auxilian, some of those who were scheduled for biometrics capturing as part of the passporting process didn't show up for the first day of their mission yesterday.

One hundred and twenty individuals were scheduled for the first day of the mobile mission but only 89 showed up at the Mt. Carmel Social Hall.

"We're discussing that, for the next visit, it will be on a first-come, first-served basis, not on a pre-encoded or scheduled basis because there are those who register but do not come. It clogs up our system and deprives others," Auxilian told *Saipan Tribune*.

Despite this, Auxilian said they will still accommodate those who didn't show up for their schedule.

In lieu of those who missed their appointments yesterday, they were able to process others who either have later schedules or didn't have schedules at all.

On Saipan, 360 individuals are scheduled for the three-day mission, which will end on Friday. The mobile mission will move to Tinian on Saturday to process about 90 passport appli-

cations there as well as extend other consular services.

In addition to passport processing, the team was able to register 64 new voters and extend the validity of 36 passports.

They also continue to distribute passports that are now available for pickup as well as some voter IDs that have not been claimed yet.

"We encourage those who have not yet received their voter IDs to check and claim their IDs. We also want to remind those who want to be overseas voters to take advantage of our presence here," Auxilian said.

OWWA membership

After almost a year of absence, a representative of the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration was finally able to visit the CNMI.

According to OWWA representative Rey Tayag, he was able to process close to 200 OWWA memberships on the first day.

Tayag encourages overseas Filipino workers to become a member or renew their membership.

Tayag will also be going to Tinian over the weekend, and possibly also to Rota even if the consular mission is not heading there this time.

"We only come here once a year so I encourage them to grab the opportunity so that they can have social protection. If something happens, they can have benefits, as well as avail of other programs and services," Tayag said.

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CINDY HOEPNER, CPHQ

Cindy Pangelinan Hoepner of the Northern Mariana Islands attained the prestigious international credential, Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality (CPHQ). Ms. Hoepner recently attempted and passed a fully accredited, international examination that assesses knowledge and understanding of the process to achieve regulatory compliance and accreditation/licensure, program development and management along a continuum of care, and quality improvement concepts as well as departmental management skills. The comprehensive CPHQ credential covers the field of quality, case/care/disease/utilization and risk management and emphasizes how all of these programs and processes integrate into an effective system.

Ms. Hoepner joins the ranks of over 8,000 colleagues in the United States and internationally who have achieved this important career milestone. In addition, in December 2014, Ms. Hoepner received the American Society of Quality-Certified Quality Improvement Associate (ASQ-CQIA) certification and recognition. Ms. Hoepner was previously employed with the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation as the Director of Corporate Quality and Performance Management. She is the daughter of Cecilia and Alfred K. Pangelinan of Gualo Rai, Saipan.



Charges reduced vs ex-DCCA Rota resident chief

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Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho granted yesterday the Office of the Attorney General's request to file an amended information that reduces the original five criminal charges against Josepha Barcinas Manglona to two.

The amended information now charges the 53-year-old former Rota Department of Community and Cultural Affairs resident director with a count of theft by unlawful taking or disposition and a count of possession or removal of government property.

The original charges included one count of conspiracy to commit theft by unlawful taking or disposition, two counts of misconduct in public office, one count of theft by unlawful

taking or disposition, and one count of possession or removal of government property.

Assistant attorney general Matthew C. Baisley said the government's investigation of the case uncovered evidence that warrants dropping the charge of conspiracy to commit theft by unlawful taking or disposition and two counts of misconduct in public office.

Baisley moved to amend the charge of theft by unlawful taking or disposition to support a misdemeanor theft charge rather than a felony theft charge.

The prosecutor said the amendment will leave two active charges: one count of misdemeanor theft and one count of possession or removal of government property.

He said the government consulted Manglona's counsel, Timothy Bellas, and that the defendant does not object to

amending the information.

Moreover, Baisley said, the amended charge only excludes previous charges against Manglona, and it does not add to or significantly alter any of the charges.

Last month, Camacho rejected a proposed plea agreement that recommends a sentence of a mere \$50 fine and no prison term for Manglona. Camacho found the proposed plea deal too lenient.

The trial is set for Oct. 13, 2015.

Members of the CNMI Public Corruption and White Collar Crimes Task Force arrested Manglona last April 16 on charges that stemmed from

April 13, 2013, when, as then-director of the Aging Center on Rota, she took a pool table worth \$1,000 from the center and gave it to Leo Mereb in exchange for concrete hollow blocks to build her kitchen.

Hillbroom asked to pay \$2.5K for failing to show up for conference

Guam lawyer David J. Lujan and Vietnam-based lawyer Barry J. Israel are claiming to have incurred a total of \$2,576.89 in costs to appear at a settlement conference in federal court in which their former client, Junior Larry Hillbroom, failed to show up.

Attorney Victorino DLG. Torres, counsel for Lujan and Israel, submitted their costs on Tuesday in the U.S. District

Court for the NMI pursuant to an order issued by Magistrate Judge Heather L. Kennedy.

According to Torres, Lujan spent a total of \$777.41 for airfare, hotel, car rental, gas, parking, and incidentals. Israel spent a total of \$1,799.48 for airfare, hotel, and car rental, he said.

Kennedy sanctioned Hillbroom for failing to attend the settlement conference last Sept. 14 in connection with his law-

suit against Lujan and Israel.

Kennedy found that there were no sufficient reasons provided for Hillbroom's failure to appear.

Kennedy ordered Hillbroom to pay reasonable costs to the two lawyers, but denied the request to hold him liable to pay for their attorney's fees.

Attorney Mark Hanson, counsel for Hillbroom, explained that he was able to speak

with Hillbroom and that the latter twice attempted to travel to Saipan but had to return back to Palau due to flight problems.

Hillbroom is suing Lujan and Israel for allegedly conspiring with a former trustee to inflate the attorney's contingency fee when late business tycoon Larry Hillblom's fortune was still undergoing probate proceedings in Superior Court. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

Coast Guard medevacs injured fisherman from Midway Atoll

HONOLULU—A 46-year-old man is receiving treatment in Oahu after being medically evacuated from Midway Atoll last Saturday.

The Hercules crew flew more than 1,300 miles from Oahu to Midway to complete the medevac.

Watchstanders at the Coast Guard Joint Rescue Command Center Honolulu received a medevac request from the Chinese-flagged fishing vessel *Kiafu hao* regarding an injured crewmember.

The duty Coast Guard flight surgeon was briefed and recommended a medevac based on the patient's condition. An HC-130 Hercules airplane crew launched from Air Station Bar-

bers Point at 6am Saturday.

The Coast Guard partnered with a Disaster Medical Assistance Team from Honolulu who provided inflight care.

The patient was safely transferred to EMS at 7pm for further transport to Queen's Medical Center. He is reported to be in stable condition.

"This mission demonstrates the flexibility and professionalism of Coast Guard crews who are ready to respond to any call for assistance," said Lt.jg. Heidi Will, command duty officer, Coast Guard 14th District command center. "In partnering with medical professionals, we were able to provide coordinated medical assistance to an individual in need." *(USCG)*

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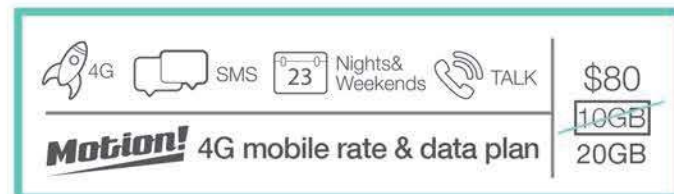


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NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, the Commonwealth Ports Authority hereby gives notice that a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Monday, September 28, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. in the CPA Conference Room located on the second floor of the Captain George Fleming Building at the Port of Saipan. The following items are on the agenda for the above-referenced meeting:

AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of Minutes (July 15, 2015)

II. PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

IV. CORRESPONDENCES

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Financial Affairs Committee
2. Airport Facilities Committee
3. Seaport Facilities Committee
4. Personnel Affairs Committee

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Saipan Industrial Gas, Inc. - Assignment of Lease

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Del Benson Advertising Presentation
2. Renewal of Ground Handling Permit
3. Master Concession
4. Adoption of 2014 Audit
5. Fiscal Year 2016 Budget
6. Personnel Matters: Contract Renewals
7. Guam International Airport Authority's Resolution

IX. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

X. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items.

/s/ JOSE R. LIFOI
Chairman, Board of Directors

September 22, 2015

Trial begins in slaying of airman from Guam

LAS VEGAS (AP)—A death penalty trial has begun in Las Vegas for a Nevada ex-convict

accused of plotting with his girlfriend the ambush slaying of her husband, a U.S. Air Force

service member and Iraq War veteran from Guam.

Michael Rudolph Rodriguez,

36, waited outside the couple's southeast Las Vegas home and shot Staff Sgt. Nathan Paet five

times as Paet headed to work at Nellis Air Force Base late Dec. 1, 2010, prosecutor Frank Coumou told a jury during opening arguments on Monday.

Police said Paet, wearing his camouflage uniform, was shot



Rodriguez

several times in the back before stumbling from his garage into his home and collapsing in front of his wife, Michelle Antwanette Paet, and their four children. He died later at a hospital.

Coumou told jurors that Michelle Paet had alerted Rodriguez by text message when her husband was leaving the house. "He's rushing to get out the door. Lol," one message said.

Michelle Paet, now 33, is scheduled for trial later this month. Two co-defendants, Jessica Ashley and Corry Hawkins, also await trial. Each has pleaded not guilty to conspiracy, murder and burglary with a weapon.

Neighbors reported seeing a black Cadillac leave the scene of the shooting, and police said a witness told them that Rodriguez went to Ashley and Hawkins' apartment and burned his clothes in their fireplace.

Rodriguez's attorney Alzora Jackson told the Clark County

District Court jury that Rodriguez had nothing to gain from killing Nathan Paet. But police reported that Michelle Paet stood to receive a \$400,000 from the military, and took out an-

other \$250,000 life insurance policy on her husband.

Police said Michelle Paet told investigators that she and Rodriguez began planning the slaying in October 2010, and they planned to be together afterward.

Nathan Paet was an F-15 supply technician with the 757th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. He and Michelle Paet were high school sweethearts. He joined the Air Force in 2002. The couple married in 2006.

Rodriguez, a two-time felon convicted of attempted forgery charges in 2007 and 2008, worked with Michelle Paet at a telemarketing company in Las Vegas, according to arrest records.

Rodriguez told police he was having sex with another woman at a Las Vegas casino-hotel at the time of the shooting. But that woman told police that Rodriguez asked her to be his alibi and told her he was set to receive up to \$5,000 for the killing.

Ancestors in training

Editor's Note: This article, written by Alisia Tulua, describes a symposium held at the University of California, Los Angeles in April 2015. Symposium participants included a UCLA class taught by Dr. Keith L. Camacho, an associate professor of East Asian Studies.

Laughter pierced the silence of UCLA's Haines Room, filled with students, activists, and community members, when a student asked about the tension between islanders that Lino Olopai describes in his book, *The Rope of Tradition*. Much of that laughter came from many of the indigenous people in the room; some are natives of the Americas and others are of Oceania.

The question was posed at a symposium hosted by UCLA's Mapping Indigenous Los Angeles collective, titled "East Oceania: Indigenous Seascapes and Geographies." The room was filled with more than 70 attendees and included UCLA students who read Olopai's book as part of their Asian American and Pacific Islander Studies course's required reading.

Professors, community leaders, families, and students shared the afternoon with distinguished speakers from the Tongva and Chumash tribes of California alongside Chamorro and Kanaka 'Ōiwi of the Marianas and Hawaii, respectively.

The centerpiece of the symposium was the canoe, whose structure and utility connects these indigenous communities in time, past and present. Cindi Alvitre, a Tongva professor of

American Indian Studies at California State University, Long Beach, shared the dream and images that brought the vision of her Tongva ti'at/canoe made of sewn-plank redwood.

The sewn-plank canoe exists in the Pacific and is the same construction of the Sakman Chamorro—a Chamorro outrigger canoe that is a project of Mario R. Borja and his seafaring community in San Diego, California. Borja, originally from Saipan, shared the project as a channel for reviving the Chamorro culture for the children. "We must hide our culture in our children. Culture begets language begets culture," he said.

Kehaulani Vaughn, a Native Hawaiian doctorate candidate of Ethnic Studies at the University of California, Riverside, echoed and emphasized the importance of continuing traditions as a means to understanding "survance, the indigenous self-determining practices" that will ensure our survival.

Marcus Lopez, a Chumash Elder, who paddles in the to-mol/canoe which has regularly crossed from Ventura to Santa Cruz Island over the past 20 years, honored the symposium with a closing blessing.

Each speaker drew their connection to indigenous seascapes through a unique natural element. For Alvitre it was the soapstone at Catalina Island; for Borja it was the wood that brought everyone together; for Vaughn it was the acknowledgement of the land and its resources. The symposium revealed the mandatory and



Marcus Lopez, a Chumash Elder, gives his presentation. Also pictured are Mario R. Borja, Cindi Alvitre, and Kehaulani Vaughn

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dependent bond that canoe cultures have with nature and the environment.

A stream of wisdom that flowed through each of the messengers was that the sustenance needed to pass on these cultures depended on how well indigenous sensibilities are honed to care for the waning natural resources these narratives depend on. Indigenous knowledge's common dependence on nature is best illustrated by Lopez when he stated, "Seeing skies is as important to our lives today as they were in yonder days!"

Chris Vaimili, a Samoan community organizer for Empowering Pacific Islander Communities, was astounded at the commonalities and connections shared by these indigenous communities. "It is amazing that we can look at something that was essential to our existence in the islands, like the canoe, and draw similarities with the indigenous

people of California. It makes you think about how connected our people were with one another before Western contact."

Linking indigenous cultures to contemporary understanding engaged attendees in conversation about efforts to revitalize canoe building, canoeing as a sport in these cultures (at least for some Pacific Islanders), and relationships between communities.

The symposium allowed for cross-culture and cross-discipline sharing. It was clear that many were beginning to build on Borja's encouragement to foster relationships because "we are all ancestors in training."

Alisia Tulua is the chief operating officer of Empowering Pacific Islander Communities, a non-profit organization located in Los Angeles and dedicated to civic engagement, community advocacy, educational research, and leadership development in California and the United States. (PR)

BUDGET

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Yesterday, the Executive Branch—including the Office of Management and Budget, the special assistant for administration, and the Office of the Attorney General—began examining the compromise budget bill.

The House and Senate had been in a deadlock for most of the three weeks since budget talks began on Sept. 3 but emerged from a session on Tuesday with a compromise.

Inos, though, could veto the bill, but Senate President Victor Hocog (Ind-Rota) said he does not think the governor will do so.

"I do not see the governor veto[ing] the budget because there is too much at stake," said Hocog after senators approved the compromise bill. He noted payments to the settlement trust, the Retirement Fund, and the 25 percent allocation of general funds for the

Public School System.

Still, some red flags have been raised. Concerns that were brought up in a Cabinet meeting on Tuesday remain part of the proposed budget. For one, administration officials that did a preliminary review of the budget think the Legislature's 5-percent salary increase for law enforcement personnel appears to be not clearly funded, and would force departments to pull from existing funds to support the increase.

There's also a concern that benefits outlined for some Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. employees aren't funded.

The three members representing the House on the conference committee were grilled over a compromise \$300,000 leadership account that the Senate had wanted, and got. The House was proposing a \$179,387 account. The Senate pushed for, and got, a 67-percent increase.

"When you hear terms like 'this is a complete package,'

you know you have some difficulty ahead of you," said Rep. Antonio Sablan (Ind-Saipan), who led the budget talks as conference chairman.

Sablan was speaking to some of the concerns from members from the House minority over compromises in the budget.

"Our backs were up against the wall," said Rep. Angel Demapan (R-Saipan), a budget conferee.

Demapan said the "bottom line was avoid a government shutdown" and "safeguarding the livelihood of our people."

"We had to make the decision," Demapan said, urging House representatives to no longer delay the passage of the budget bill. He said the \$145 million budget was a "projection we have to help the government realize...and help exceed."

The main tussle with the budget talks were the allocation of Marianas Visitors Authority earmarks amounting to about \$2.5 million. The Sen-

ate's original proposal to use some Inos-directed earmarks drew the ire of Inos, who earlier told reporters this was an invasion of MVA funds.

When asked if he still thought this way, Inos said it depends on how they "cut it."

Right now, the Senate and House have agreed to "modify" MVA's programs budget via their legislative authority, rather than amending earmarks in the Senate's first proposal.

"So the funds remain in the MVA earmarked account," Inos said. "They are just instructing that MVA fund certain projects with the MVA budget and not by taking money away and not replenishing it, or reducing the earmark. I think it's more of a legal issue. I defer to the AG's office."

MVA managing director Perry Tenorio and MVA chair Marian Aldan Pierce and two other board members met with Inos yesterday morning to air their concerns.

TINIAN

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to provide the community much needed supplemental assistance through programs and services"

Taxes and fees collected from the casino is also the source of funding for many municipal jobs, he added.

"For as long as the casino operations remain shut down, so does the stream of funding that flows into the municipal[ity's] coffers," San Nicolas said.

The Tinian mayor said the crisis spawned by Tinian Dynasty's decision to first shutter its casino operations, followed by its hotel's impending closure by month's end, is having a cascading negative effect on the island's already fragile economy.

"Tinian is already experiencing the downward spiral effect of the Dynasty's casino operation's closure. Star Marianas has laid off employees. Employees from the Dynasty who are able to transfer are moving. Signature annual tourism-related events are being cancelled. ...I have employees coming to my office looking for any kind of work...the list is only getting longer. This is what I have been fighting to prevent," he said.

TCGCC mulls compromise deal

The Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission is still considering a request that an interim casino license be issued to Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino's new owners.

In an email, TCGCC executive director Lucia Blanco-Maratita told *Saipan Tribune* that "the commission is still considering the matter and will

act in accordance with the gaming law and regulations."

Chinese Strategic Holdings Ltd. chair and executive director Kwok Hing Wilfred Lam and its subsidiary, Tinian Entertainment Co., last week called for a compromise deal wherein, as a show of good faith, Blanco-Maratita and the commission would issue an interim casino license to Tinian Dynasty.

That would lead to the payment of an additional \$100,000 investigation fee while the suitability investigation for Chinese Strategic and TEC's plenary casino gaming license is ongoing.

"The commission is bound by its regulation in its expenditure of fees paid in connection with the processing of a casino license application, which includes investigation fees, etc.," said Blanco-Maratita in her response to Lam's request.

Lam earlier said that they have already paid the \$100,000 investigation fee as well as a \$200,000 application fee.

TEC was given until Sept. 9 to deposit with TCGCC an additional \$100,000 refundable investigation fee. This means that any unused portion of the fee will be refunded to the applicant.

According to San Nicolas, so far nothing has changed with regards to the TCGCC and Tinian Dynasty stalemate.

He said TEC is not willing to pay an additional \$100,000 without TCGCC giving them an interim casino authorization while the investigation is being conducted.

"Unfortunately, as mayor, there is only so much that I can do and that is to ask TCGCC and TEC to work cooperatively and expeditiously," he said.

Mobil donates \$20K to the American Red Cross

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Mobil donated \$20,000 to the American Red Cross yesterday to support the organization's recovery efforts following the devastating effects of Typhoon Soudelor.

Charles Ewart, president of Mobil Oil Mariana Islands, Inc., presented the check to ARC-NMI Chapter executive director John Hirsh at the Red Cross chapter office on Airport Road.

"We recognize that after the typhoon, there was a lot of support but this a long-term recovery we see here and our support is in recognition of that. Clearly, we are here for the long-term in supporting the Marianas Islands and understanding that it's more than just an immediate relief effort," Ewart said.

"Mobil has been a very long-term supporter of Red Cross. We're really happy that they're able to continue to contribute to the relief efforts here for Typhoon Soudelor," Hirsh said.

According to the Red Cross, the donation will be used not only for the short-term but also for the long-term recovery, which includes tackling health issues and the continuing reconstruction of homes and key infrastructure.

"Those moneys are going to be used not just for the short-term but some of the longer term projects that we're working on. We're working with the long-term recovery committee, working side by side with a lot of our other partner agencies to develop the casework programs that we can identify the families that are really the most at risk, the most vulnerable, and see what we can do to bring our resources together," Hirsh said.

For Mobil, the donation is part of their commitment to the CNMI community.

"We clearly take our responsibility to provide fuel to the islands—to communities all around the world for that



Mobil Oil Mariana Islands, Inc. president Charles Ewart presents Mobil's \$20,000 check donation to the American Red Cross-Northern Mariana Islands Chapter. The donation will be used for short- and long-term recovery efforts, according to ARC.

FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA

matter—very, very seriously and this is just another example of our commitment to the community that we operate in," Ewart said.

Like the first responders and volunteers who stepped up to the plate after the typhoon, Ewart also commended their own staff.

"One of the things I'm most proud of is our staff. They put the needs of the community above their own. A lot of them have damage to their properties, but they turned up to work because they knew we had to get fuel back out to the service stations to service the community, to make sure that the responders were able to respond effectively," Ewart said.

Mobil said they worked hard to overcome the challenges at their terminal after Soudelor so that they could resume supplying fuel to the service stations and the community.

"What they did was absolutely beyond the call of duty and it shows really how much importance they put in the community and our responsibility to the community," he added.

Judge summons Ogumoro and two others to appear in court

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman summoned yesterday the lawyers of former Department of Public Safety deputy commissioner Ambrosio T. Ogumoro and his two co-defendants in order to set a trial date for their criminal case.

Wiseman ordered Ogumoro, former Commonwealth Ports Authority police chief Jordan Kosam, and former CPA police captain John T. Rebuenog, through their counsels, to attend the trial setting conference on Sept. 30 at 1:30pm.

Wiseman cited the CNMI Supreme Court's order on Tuesday that lifted a November order staying or suspending the trial until Ogumoro's petition for

writ of mandamus or prohibition is resolved.

Last Sept. 11, the CNMI Supreme Court found that Ogumoro's petition for writ of mandamus or prohibition did not demonstrate that an extraordinary remedy is warranted.

With the high court's ruling, Wiseman said he finds that the stay imposed on Nov. 17 is no longer in effect.

Ogumoro's petition sought to prevent Wiseman from presiding over his criminal case for his alleged role in shielding then-attorney general Edward Buckingham from being served with penal summons in 2012.

Ogumoro is facing 15 counts of criminal charges. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

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MVA may have to cut programs

The Marianas Visitors Authority may have no choice but cut majority of its programs if Gov. Eloy S. Inos signs into law the fiscal year 2016 budget bill that was passed by the Senate and House of Representatives yesterday.

The budget bill essentially takes away MVA's \$2.5 million budget for next fiscal year by reducing it to \$1.

Broken down, the \$2.5 million will be divided up to the Department of Public Work's streetlights project (\$1,802,403), Division of Customs' x-ray machine at the airport (\$200,000), x-ray machine for container and loose cargo at the seaport (\$225,000), and handheld x-ray scanners at

the seaport (\$75,000), and the Saipan Mayor's Office's clean-up and beautification projects (\$200,000).

The MVA board met yesterday at the Hyatt Regency Saipan, but they decided to table their discussion on the fiscal year 2016 expenditure to a later date because Inos has yet to make a decision on the budget.

The tourism body's managing director Perry Tenorio told reporters that they did meet with Inos yesterday, but refused to discuss the results of the meetings because it was a closed-door one.

MVA programs that could be affected by the reduction of MVA's fiscal year 2016 ear-

marks include Taste of the Marianas, Christmas in the Marianas, sporting events held by MVA both on Tinian and Saipan, and promotional activities that help the CNMI's tourism arrivals increase.

"The local programs that we hold, the sporting events like XTERRA [Saipan Championship], Tagaman [Triathlon], etc., and local events will be impacted," Tenorio said.

While the MVA board has not decided to cut these programs yet, Tenorio said it is a decision that they may have to look at in the future.

Majority of MVA events promote tourism and culture in the CNMI, with the programs cut, majority of the tourist may not be pleased.

MVA's recent exit survey showed that tourists need more shopping and night activities and the tourism body may not have the ability to supplement current activities because of the reduction of its budget.

MVA's earmarks come from projected hotel tax earnings. In the case of fiscal year 2016 and minus the \$2.5 million taken away by the Legislature, the tourism body expects to collect \$8.5 million in hotel tax in the next fiscal year.

MVA wants the lion's share of what's left to be used to pro-

mote the Commonwealth in its key tourism markets.

"We're recommending a funding level for offshore of \$7 million out of the \$8.5 million," said Tenorio.

"When we look at the total programs including the promotions offshore, marketing, and ad hoc committees locally and special events...it might be impacted greatly," he added.

Public Law 18-1 mandates that MVA would receive 20 percent of taxes under the container tax and 80 percent of taxes from the hotel occupancy tax.

The intent of Public Law 18-1 according to MVA was that "the implied promise made to MVA partners in China, Korea, Japan, Russia, Taiwan, and here in the CNMI, that the proceeds of Public Law 18-1 will be used to ensure the continued growth of CNMI's travel industry."

HANMI opposes MVA budget cut

The Hotel Association of the

Northern Marianas Islands, meanwhile, continues to oppose the Legislature's adoption of the fiscal year 2016 budget sans the original appropriation to MVA.

HANMI president Gloria Cavanagh earlier told *Saipan Tribune* that it was always HANMI's concern that lawmakers would eventually forget the reason for enacting the hotel tax in the first place.

"Three years ago, tourism, our only real economy, was in dire straits. Our ability to promote our CNMI was limited to an underfunded MVA," Cavanagh said. (*Jayson Camacho*)

Ownership of Hotel Riviera disputed in court

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Even as a legal dispute on the ownership of Hotel Riviera in Finasisu is pending in Superior Court, a businessman has filed in the Republic of Korea criminal charges against another businessman who allegedly sold his stock ownership of the hotel to a company despite the fact that the shares have never been transferred to him.

Do Sik Kim, through counsel Michael W. Dotts, has instituted a lawsuit asking the court to declare him as the sole and true owner of all the outstanding shares of Changshin Resort Saipan Corp., owner of the 135-room Hotel Riviera.

Kim is suing Kyung Duk Park for breach of contract.

He is also suing Park and the Korea-based Globuil Holdings for unjust enrichment and trespass to chattel.

Dotts also disclosed that Kim filed criminal charges against Park and that the criminal case is currently pending in Korea.

Dotts said Park only paid 50 million Korean Won to Kim out of 2.5 billion Korean Won pursuant to their stock purchase agreement executed in February 2013.

Dotts said despite failure to pay the total amount, Park subsequently sold shares of the hotel to Globuil Holdings in April 2015.

The lawyer asked the court to hold Park and Globuil Holdings liable to pay him damages in an amount to be proven at trial for their interference with

his ownership of hotel shares.

Dotts also requested the court to order Park and Globuil to disgorge benefits and profits they received arising out of their purported ownership of the shares and operation of the hotel.

According to Dotts, Kim became the 100-percent owner of Hotel Riviera under subscription and purchase agreement of March of 2009.

Dotts said that, on Feb. 3, 2013, Kim and Park executed a stock purchase agreement.

Under the agreement, Park was to purchase the 12.5 million shares of Hotel Riviera owned by Kim at a total price of 2.5 billion Korean Won.

Dotts said Park was to make a down payment of 300 million Korean Won at the time the agreement was executed, and pay off the balance of the purchase price by June 30, 2013.

Dotts said Kim was to transfer the shares to Park "upon completion of the payment."

The lawyer said at the time the agreement was executed, Park paid only 1/6th of the 300 million Korean Won down payment (50 million Korean Won).

Dotts said even at the filing of this lawsuit, Park has not paid the balance of what was owed.

"As a result, no closing under the purchase agreement occurred, and the shares have never been transferred to Park," Dotts said.

However, the lawyer said, Park purported to complete the sale of the shares to Globuil Holdings on April 19, 2015.

He said Globuil Holdings has caused Hotel Riviera to list the company as its sole shareholder in its most recent annual report filed with the Registrar.

Dotts said Park has no interest in the shares because he failed to pay for them.

In 2012, former governor Pedro P. Tenorio and his wife Sophia Tenorio sued Changshin Resort for allegedly failing to pay lease of their land located in the hotel's premises.



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Fat chance: Parents must break their child's fast-food habit



One in three children will eat fast food today, according to a new report from the Centers for Disease Control. That's an appalling statistic that helps to explain why the incidence of childhood obesity has doubled in the past 30 years.

The CDC's Center for Health Statistics analyzed data from 2012 and found that, on any given day, 34.4 percent of American children consume fast food and 12 percent of them will get more than 40 percent of their total calories from such fare.

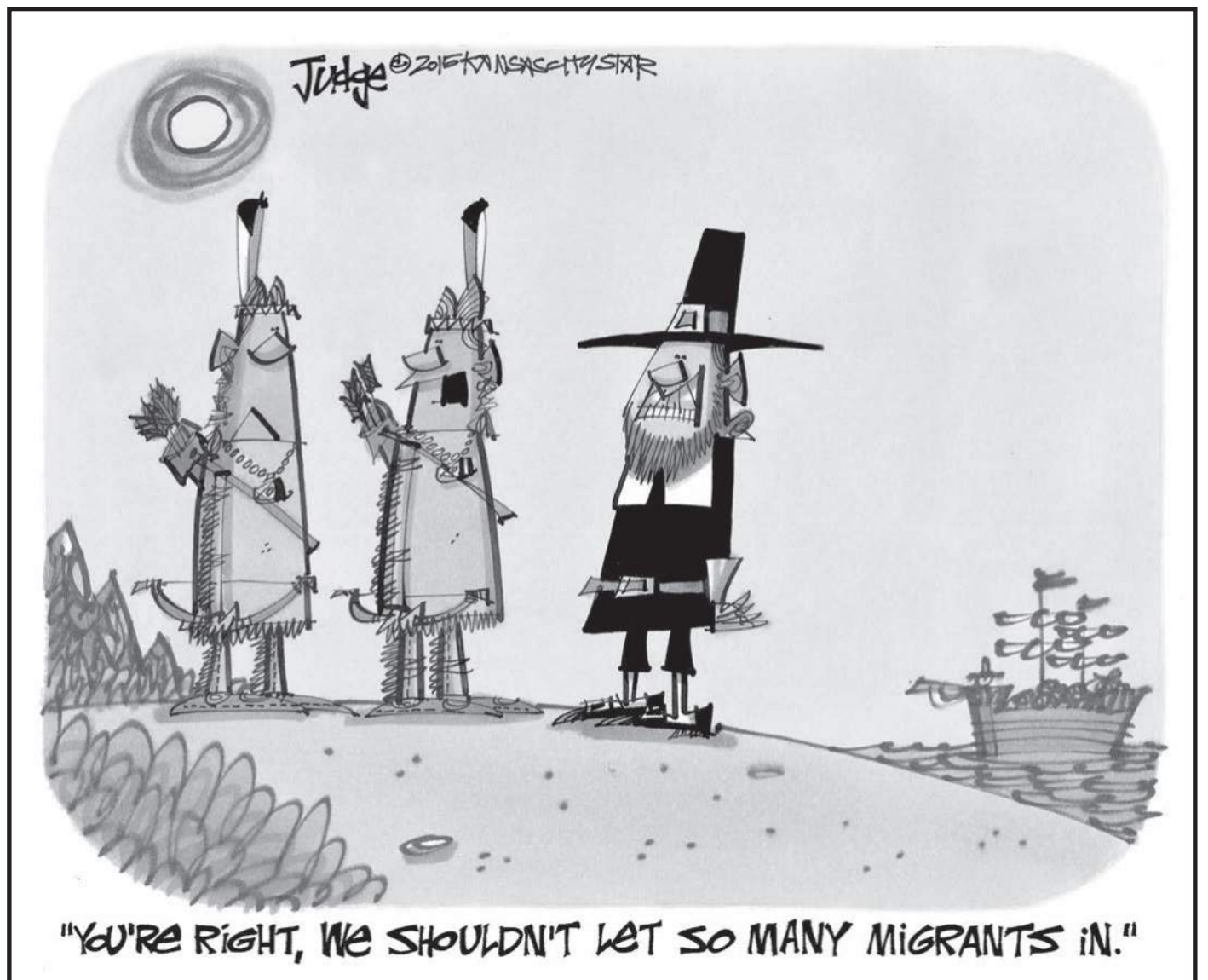
Fast-food chains have made substantial efforts to improve their offerings in recent years, adding grilled chicken and salads to their menus, switching from whole to fat-free milk, and offering fruit or yogurt with kids' meals. But even the healthiest of food distributed in mass quantities at a chain restaurant does not offer the nutrients of a meal made with fresh ingredients at home. And a home-fixed meal is less expensive and more conducive to a family sitting down to eat together.

The CDC said fast-food consumption increases with age; teens eat more than young children. And obese children eat more fast food—14.6 percent of their calories—than children of normal weight.

Parents succumb to the lure of the golden arches or a pizza box with good reason. In 60.2 percent of families with married parents and children under 18, both parents work full-time, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. At the end of the workday, cooking for children—whose immature tastes can make menu planning a challenge—may seem like a second job.

The CDC report, however, warns that parents need to step up their game. Fast-food consumption among children has remained consistent over the past 20 years, despite increased interest in organic and “slow” food and healthful eating. This is a paradox that can be resolved only one way: Parents, drive by the drive-through.

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Founding Fathers: Neither demigods nor scoundrels

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For much of American history the founding generation, often mythologized and capitalized as the Founding Fathers, served as the gold standard against which we measured the debased currency that came after them. Ralph Waldo Emerson put this semi-sacred tradition succinctly: “They saw God face to face; we can only see Him second-hand.”

Later in the 19th century Henry Adams made the same point more mischievously, observing that any chronological list of American presidents must lead to the conclusion that Darwin got it exactly backward.

The Adams observation flashed into my mind recently while watching the media coverage of Donald Trump, whose self-absorption, megalomania and contempt for human civility make him the poster child for the sad state of our dysfunctional political culture.

More panoramically, the image of a gaggle of Republican candidates aligned onstage for a purported debate can conjure up a parallel picture of George Washington, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and James Madison—our first four presidents—looking down from the heavens, wondering to one another what kind of circus they are watching, and nodding in agreement that none of them would have surrendered their integrity on such a stage.

An alternative image of the founders, quite different from such conjuring, is abroad in the land these days. It is the picture of a rogues gallery of felons standing before a tribunal of righteous judges who are imposing a string of guilty verdicts. The signs hanging around the necks of the accused catalog their crimes: “slavery, racism, sexism, imperialism.”

Off to one side in this picture, a small group of women can be seen discussing the removal of Alexander Hamilton from the \$10 bill to make room for Sojourner Truth or Eleanor Roosevelt. At the bottom edge, Democratic Party operatives are huddling, all nodding in agreement that it is time to drop Thomas Jefferson from the letterhead of their annual Jefferson-Jackson dinners. In the middle distance, a barely visible collection of stonemasons—they are carrying sledgehammers—are whispering to one another, presumably planning the formidable task of chipping Washington's face off Mt. Rushmore.

May I suggest that both images—the founders as secular saints or as politically incorrect sinners—tell us more about us than them. On the saintly side, all new nations seem to require mythical heroes to provide otherworldly sanction for their legitimacy. This is especially so when the heroic figures are real human beings, like the first four presidents, rather than fictional characters, like King Arthur.

Eventually, real human beings will be exposed for their imperfections. They become the fixed objects against which subsequent generations can do a political version of isometric exercises. Think of the way adolescents disavow their previously omniscient parents as idiots.

In the case of the founders, such disavowals also provide therapeutic opportunities to transform U.S. history into a morality play with a ready-made cast of villainous dead white males, thereby obviating the need to encounter history's ironies and paradoxes or to comprehend its intractable tragedies.

There are signs we have begun to move past such childish practices. Over the last two decades, a full shelf of critically and commercially successful books on the founders has appeared, depicting men rather than monuments, their political legacy as a major triumph laced with tragedy. More recently, the Broadway sensation “Hamilton” conveys—in hip-hop lyrics delivered by a nonwhite cast—a historically sophisticated rendering of the most brilliant, dashing and fatally flawed founder.

Even among these nuanced histories, any attempt to bring the founders fully into our own time—either as demigods or clueless parents—will prove a futile exercise, like trying to plant cut flowers. It would be lovely, and great fun, to solicit Washington's advice about how to fire Trump, but it can't happen. We must, and surely will, dismiss Trump ourselves.

And once we get past seeing the founders as cartoon-like characters, all kinds of lights go on along the line between then and now. Is the paralysis of the current federal government a function of the political architecture the founders designed, which is now anachronistic, or more a product of our own making? Does our own failure to arrest the catastrophic consequences of climate change help us understand why the most gifted political leaders in American history could not put slavery on the road to extinction? Does our enhanced awareness of the depth and resilience of racism in our own time modify our posture toward its virulence within the founding era? At a historical moment when the term “political leadership” has become an oxymoron, how do you explain its flowering at the founding?

Such questions constitute a serious conversation across all ages that is blissfully bereft of nostalgia, condescension and utopian delusions. If the founders were not flawed, they would have nothing to teach us. And they do.

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Nubladu I Ha`ane

Maseha dispasiu tinituhon este na ha`ane, ha estotbayu` i mamamaila` na kinalamten familia siha gi sigiente dos años na tiempu `nai mas didog i chinatsagan i tanu`. Pa`gu ha` este manrikokohe adumididi` fuet-saña taimanu i pagyu as Soudelor.

Mauleg sa` guaha ayudon federat pot neñkanu`, fanliheñg familia yan Medicaid. Hombre este debi ha` tapan manapase dibin guma yan insurance, dibin karetan familia yan insurance, yan otro siha

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From gays to abortion, Francis draws some backlash

Pope Francis remains widely popular in the United States—but not as popular as he was just last year. His decision to break from business-as-usual has spurred uncertainty and angst among some people, and it may account for a drop in his overall U.S. favorability ranking from last year. A Gallup poll in July found that his approval rating had dropped 17 points since early 2014.

Papal watchers would admit that Vatican bureaucracy—the Roman Curia—has long needed reform. To his credit, Pope Francis has wasted no time in undertaking the task.

But changing the structure and the culture of any large organization would breed resistance, and the Holy Father has experienced his share of it. By challenging those who have safely retreated to their respective comfort zones, the pope is seeking to end the paralysis that too often marks Vatican operations.

Pope Francis aspires to be a populist, a man of the people, and to that end he has shown little patience for high-ranking members of the clergy who have succumbed to a more worldly lifestyle. Whether it is “airport bishops” who bounce from one event to another, or those who are more interested in power and prestige than servicing the faithful, Pope Francis has made it clear that is unacceptable.

Both Pope Benedict XVI and Pope John Paul II addressed the environment, income distribution, sexuality, and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, but not to the extent of Pope Francis. Frankly, the level of specificity he brings to these complicated matters accounts for both the plaudits he has received and the backlash he has encountered, which has impacted his approval rating.

■ On climate change. It is wholly uncontroversial to say Catholics are expected to be stewards of the environment. So when the pope casts this as a moral issue, he is on sure footing. But the perception that he is micro-analyzing climate change has not redounded in his favor.

■ On income inequality. This divide has marked every society in history; sometimes it is justified, other times it is not. Pope Francis has earned a reputation, not always positive, for adopting a more egalitarian approach.

■ On homosexuality. On a pastoral level, Pope Francis is more vocal in his outreach than his predecessors, and has made it clear gays are welcome in the church. But it is a mistake to say that he condones homosexuality because he does not. Indeed, he has referred to same-sex marriage as the work of the devil.

■ On abortion. He welcomes anyone involved in procuring abortions to seek reconciliation, and has said priests can forgive women the sin of abortion. However, his unchanged position is that abortion is “profoundly unjust.” Many reporters and pundits have misrepresented what he has said.

■ On Mideast peace. Like popes before him, Francis wants to bring peace to the Middle East, but unlike them he believes the process is enhanced by recognizing a Palestinian state. His position does not sit well with many Israelis, nor with some Americans. His motives are beyond rebuke, but that hardly settles this matter.

It is easy to see why Pope Francis is commended by some for his courage and chastised by others for overreaching. There is more than a measure of truth to both appraisals. One thing is for sure: He is a vibrant leader whose authenticity is questioned by no one. He should be given a respectful hearing.

nessesidat yan obligasion familia. Ni unu soplu ginen primera obligasion familia siha.

I mankualifikau ayudu mansuette. I ti fumatinas makat ha fafana` soluke guaha subrida gi sueddon niha. Makat na biahe mañguentos hit pot hatsada `nai ni para tutuhon taya` moneda gi kahan iya Marianas. Estague` umestototbayu` ya mauleg ta tutuhon inadiñgan haf siña ta chogue para ta assiste fitme i kinalamten familia.

Debi i minesñgon yan kabilosun natibu tana` setbe na biahe. Este na inatuñgu` debi umana` guaha gi kada soñgsoñg gi todú tres islas. Ti siña i para ta fatkiluye asunto-ta. Pa`gu i oran sufa`! Baihu birayu` tatte guine na asunto otro semana pot para ta kepula` haf` siña i familia siha mapetsige na fina` bisnis pot katsun pisun familia. Libianu!

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Sunidun Tanu`: Gi kanton unai, libianu un` huñgog sague` tasi gi tinilaikan afnu` yan ma`te. I mefena dididi` burukentu bastara ke loka`; i tatatte, silensiu.

Gaige katen pajarú gi mapagahes`an sige halom gi finagpu` ha`ane. Oppan lokue` guinaifen mañglu` ni dumudulalag i isa yan atiluñg mapagahes para uchan gi puntan lañget.

Gi minachom atdau, sige tautau para iya siha. Mas silensiu i señgsoñg `nai sige familia ma-aregla siha para oran sena yan deskansu.

Gi taduñg kañada, otro suniduña este na patte gi papa` sabana. Manglu`, kalaskas hagun troñku yan katen paluma gaige gi oriya kontodu bonitu na katen gayu piot`an chatagmag. I sinague mañglu` gi taftaf oga`an fresku hinalomña. I ramas troñku siha manmaestira sin petmission. Ala kuenta, kada lugat difirensiau burukaña, diariu.

Enfin, tana`e` animu umusune haf` gaige gi menata deste oga`an esta`i minachom atdau.

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Fotten Katma: Ti hu tuñgu` haf` na`aña i fotten katma ni dos tres biahe ha sablasus hit na semana. Inipos katma dispues tinatitiye`ni fette na maie yan potput humidu. Magahet makat matkliman El Niño.

Estague` na sakan`nai presisu ta pulan mafotman mattiempu ni tumutuhongue` giya Marshalls. I distansia mampos chagu`. Nahoñg tiempoña manrikohe minetgot para una` fañgilulog hit tulanoche.

I pagyu ni malofan (Soudelor) trabiha kategoria tres finetteña. `An para u fattu fuetsaña gi kuarttu pat siñku, seguruyu` na mauleg na dañu para u chalapon guine. Kategoria kuarttu yan siñku na fuetsan pagyu kontodu kareta nina` fangupu! Inipos inkabukau na biahe asuntun klima.

Patriotism: Idea versus action

Patriotism is an abstraction, but its level of strength—in ourselves and others—is usually expressed and understood in practical ways, by the things we actually do or fail to do. Sometimes this fact can be misleading.

For example, consider this story, as reported last week by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram:

On the evening of 9/11, the Fort Worth, Texas, Symphony Orchestra, like many others across our stunned nation that week, opened its concert program with “The Star-Spangled Banner.”

Fourteen years later, nearly all other orchestras have abandoned this practice, but the Fort Worth Symphony continues to devote the first 90 seconds of every concert to a spirited rendition of our national anthem.

On its face, this sounds like a reasonable idea, but some have begun to object. Theodore Harvey, a cellist with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, argues that concerts aren’t meant to be “nationalistic or patriotic events.” It’s a matter of mood, he says. Conductors plan their programs to evoke a time and a place—“18th-, early 19th-century Austria,” for example—and “The Star-Spangled Banner” undermines that effort at the beginning of every concert.

Enough objectors agreed with Harvey—“Why do we need to prove our patriotism at a concert?”—that the Symphony felt compelled to defend itself publicly. What to do?

Consider two elements of objection to the rote repetition of our admirable anthem: habituation and coercion.

Habituation is what happens when we go through the motions of an act until its emotional impact begins to diminish. All rituals are subject to diminishment through overuse. The Pledge of Allegiance is a good example.

In Texas, like many other places, public school students pledge their allegiance to the flag every morning before classes. My local city council and school board open their meetings with the Pledge. So does the Board of Regents at the college where I work, including at all committee meetings.

Inevitably this much mechanical pledging fades into mindless recitation and will never achieve the impact and emotional power of a heart-felt pledge rendered, say, once a year. Too much repetition of “The Star-Spangled Banner” presents the same problem.

The second element of this issue is coercion. People who aren’t enthusiastic about the regular and unconsidered performance of the “Banner” before every concert are likely to have their patriotism

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Special to the Saipan Tribune



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Guinaia: Hagas ha fuñot siñienteña i prohima `sino pinitina pot dimalais un` hihot na che`luña ni umahnau ti umadiñgan i dos. Buente kada mattu gi hinassoña i che`luña ha tulaika i asunto kulan pot para u letke. Gi kada ha chogue `nau tutuhu` lago`ña. Kulan mohan mattu i che`luña para u fan binisita ya guiya ti malagu` mabisita.

Un`oga`an dispues de manaregla gi halom guma`, ha pega papa` i eskoba ya sige tumañges ni mahalañgña ni che`luña. Ha tutuhon lumi`e` i mañge` chaleg niniha dispues de umadulalag siha gi oriyan plasán eskuela antes de oran sena. Pat`an sige i dos munañgu gi pantalan Susupe `an Dameño yan otro siha che`chu` hihot na che`lu.

Ha siente pinacha apagaña inakompapaña ni fina` kasau. Ha huñgog lokue` che`luña pumininite pot umahnau ti umadingan siha dispues de mumalangu. Ha gu`ot fitme kanaña ya umadespide i dos magof na enfin mahuchum este na pahina gi lepblon niha.

I muna` pupute siñiente-ta i tatnai ta supone na guaha para u hanau petmanente. Sensian magof na che`lu oppan gi hilu este na relasion mina` tatnai hafatoigue hit triniste. Kulan inañgoghu gi mañainata. Ayu ha` hit humoñgañg i manaigue esta gi sigiente oga`an. Hinimidge yan tinayuyot mas propiu gi este na finapos. Hu gachuchuñge hamyu gi tinayuyot miyu. Enfin, kada asunto gai tiempu. Si Iku.

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Ilegña un` kuestion: Haf` un` asunto na maulegña mohan `an ti un` tuñgu`? Huñgan guaha umestotbayu` lau pot onru gi mañainahu bai` fatkeluye. Hu huchom ennuu na lepblu petmanente. Guaha man-a`aregla ya kasi esta kontodu este ma-aregla kabales guihe hulu`.

Ayu na finaposhu mina` mamposyu` manadahe relasion yan maseha haye na kilisyanu. Maulegña in` adiñgu chumachaleg ke in` achacha muyu`. Imbidu sumen tai bali gi ha`anen maseha haye na kilisyanu.

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called into question.

The history of the Pledge is instructive. We may imagine that it dates back to the Founding Fathers, but it was actually composed in 1892, mostly in reaction to an influx of migrants from southern and eastern Europe, including many Catholics and Jews, whom nativists such as the Pledge’s author considered to be “undesirables.”

Thus the Pledge became a kind of litmus test for patriotism, and many who objected to it on the basis of conscience—Jehovah’s Witnesses, for example—were ridiculed, scorned and assaulted. In some cases they lost their jobs and in some, their lives.

So, we should always be wary of confusing the idea of patriotism with the ways in which free Americans choose to express it. Otherwise, before long we’re criticizing a fellow citizen’s patriotism based on whether he wears a flag lapel pin or agrees that every meeting should open with a bland recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Or whether every concert should begin with “The Star-Spangled Banner.” Really, this shouldn’t be controversial, but I suspect the objectors in Fort Worth and elsewhere are more likely to have their patriotism called into question than their aesthetics.

Real patriotism is an idea that resides in individuals’ hearts, but, like religion, it’s prone to take on imperialistic, coercive qualities that encourage judgments about the depth of someone else’s devotion.

In fact, our most patriotic acts shouldn’t be pledging or singing the national anthem. Real patriotism requires a little more energy and self-sacrifice, in acts such as informed voting or military service, and a conscientious commitment to our responsibilities to the American social contract.



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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY

Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Southwest winds 10 To 15 mph.

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FRIDAY

Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

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SATURDAY

Mostly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms.

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SUNDAY

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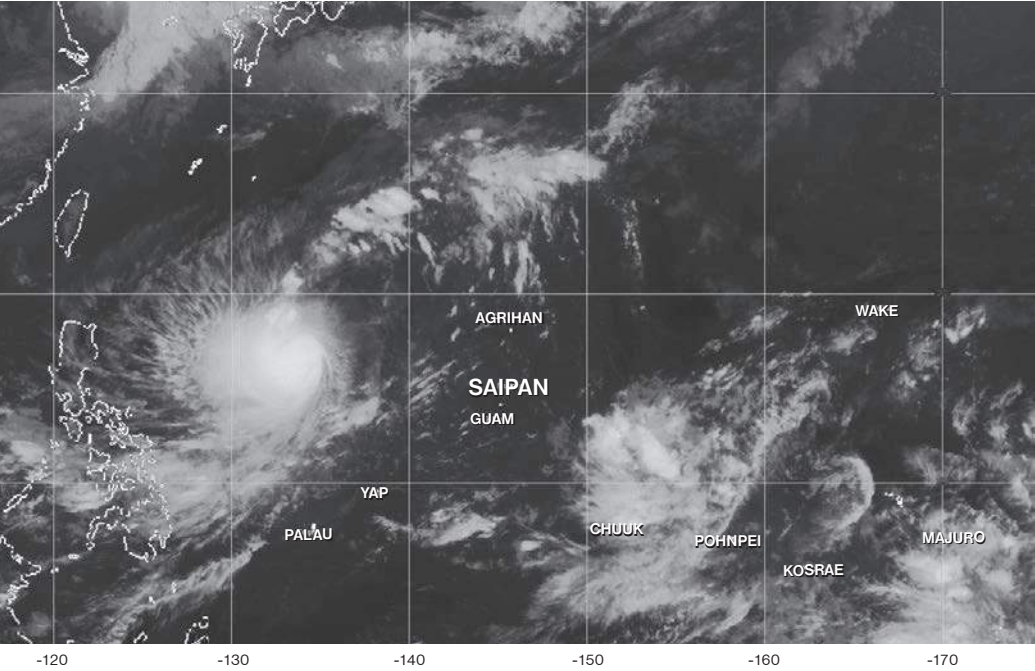
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MONDAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

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Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2015
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Tropical Storm Dujuan, 21W, is centered 640 miles west-northwest of Guam near 18N136E moving west at 15 mph with maximum sustained winds of 45 mph. Numerous showers and a few thunderstorms are present southwest of the center between 14N and 19N from 130E to scattered showers are otherwise found within 170 miles of the center. For more information on Tropical Storm Dujuan, refer to bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW and by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM. Farther away from TS Dujuan, widely-scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are seen northwest of Yap and Palau within 150 miles of a line from 10N130E to 15N141E, and near IWO to island north of 20N from 133E to 149E. A monsoon trough curves southeastward from TS Dujuan at 18N136E through a weak circulation centered north-northeast of Pohnpei at 10N160E to end at 6N178E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found between Chuuk and Pohnpei within 220 miles of a line from 4N154E to 15N156E, and over Tarawa and Butaritari atolls but southeast of Majuro east of a line from EQ167E to 6N171E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia		
Guam And Rota	Fair	▲84 ▼77
Palau	Cloudy	▲86 ▼75
Yap	Cloudy	▲86 ▼76
Chuuk	Light Rain	▲78 ▼76
Pohnpei	Cloudy	▲88 ▼77
Kosrae	Cloudy	▲82 ▼76
Majuro	Cloudy	▲84 ▼77

Around the Globe		
Auckland	Showers	▲54 ▼50
Beijing	Fair	▲81 ▼59
Hong Kong	Fair	▲90 ▼77
Honolulu	Fair	▲82 ▼71
London	Mostly Cloudy	▲51 ▼48
Los Angeles	Clear	▲71 ▼64
Manila	Mostly Cloudy	▲88 ▼82
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	▲50 ▼36
Miami	Mostly Cloudy	▲81 ▼76
New York	Mostly Cloudy	▲66 ▼59
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲84 ▼57
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲51 ▼48
Pusan	Light Rain	▲66 ▼63
Rome	Mostly Cloudy	▲68 ▼61
Salem	Mostly Cloudy	▲71 ▼67
San Francisco	Mostly Cloudy	▲57 ▼52
Seoul	Mostly Cloudy	▲77 ▼54
Tokyo	Mostly Cloudy	▲79 ▼59
Washington, DC	Mostly Cloudy	▲64 ▼57

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Saipan Harbor			
3:58 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet
11:09 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.0 Feet
6:07 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
11:53 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.9 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset		
Today	6:06 AM	6:12 PM
Friday	6:06 AM	6:11 PM
Saturday	6:06 AM	6:11 PM
Sunday	6:06 AM	6:10 PM
Monday	6:06 AM	6:09 PM

Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	2:54 PM	1:50 AM
Friday	3:46 PM	2:49 AM
Saturday	4:37 PM	3:49 AM
Sunday	5:28 PM	4:50 AM
Monday	6:19 PM	5:52 AM

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JULY 2, 2015

DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3	UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:20pm	4:00pm	6, 7 via Rota	UA5039	1:00pm	1:50pm	6, 7
UA5078	3:10pm	4:00pm	1, 5	UA5038	1:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5038	3:10pm	4:00pm	2, 4	UA5077	1:50pm	2:40pm	1, 5
UA5040	6:55pm	7:45pm	1, 5	UA5041	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7	UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:40pm	11:30pm	1, 5	UA5043	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA5039	2:20pm	2:55pm	6, 7	UA5038	1:00pm	1:35pm	2, 4
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA5039	3:25pm	4:00pm	6, 7	UA5038	2:05pm	2:40pm	2, 4
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)				PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	1:05am+1	2, 6 via NRT	DL298	4:30am	2:55pm	3, 7 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 6	DL298	10:25am	2:55pm	Daily
DL297	4:30pm	7:15pm	Daily	DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	7C3402	8:45am	2:15pm	3, 5, 6
OZ6063	2:25am	6:00am	3, 4, 6	7C3402	9:30am	3:20pm	1, 2, 4, 7
OZ626	3:20am	7:00am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
7C3403	4:35am	8:20am	1, 2, 3, 6, 7	OZ6053	7:55pm	1:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6
7C3403	5:25am	9:10am	4, 5	OZ625	8:20pm	1:50am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3401	3:15pm	7:35pm	3, 5, 6	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
7C3401	4:20pm	8:05pm	1, 2, 4, 7				
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	5:30am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	DL276/288	9:30am	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
OZ6063/701	2:25am	11:05am	3, 4, 6 via ICN	UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ626/701	3:20am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/6053	12:15pm	1:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6 via ICN
UA5070/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	Daily via GUM	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA5067/183	4:15am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM	PR110/UA5071	10:05pm	7:30am+1	3 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	PR110/UA5071	10:05pm	8:05am+1	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
DL287/275	6:05am	9:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT	UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM	UA184/5039	10:25pm	1:50pm+1	6 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:40am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM	UA184/5038	10:25pm	2:40pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
UA5068/183	8:40pm	9:10pm	1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	UA184/5077	10:25pm	2:40pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
UA5039/183	2:20pm	9:10pm	6, 7 via Rota-GUM	UA184/5041	10:25pm	6:25pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:10pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM	UA184/5077	10:25pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 6 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:10pm	8:50pm	5 via GUM	UA184/5043	10:25pm	10:10pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:10pm	9:10pm	1 via GUM	UA184/5071	11:30pm	7:30am+1	2 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:10pm	9:10pm	4 via GUM	UA184/5071	11:30pm	8:05am+1	5 via GUM
				UA184/5071	11:30pm	1:50pm+1	5 via GUM
				UA184/5077	11:30pm	8:05pm+1	2, 5 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ6063	2:25am	6:00am	3, 4, 6	OZ722/6053	1:10pm	1:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ626	3:20am	7:00am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:50am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
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OZ6063/721	2:25am	11:50am	3, 4, 6 via ICN	UA180/5039	9:55pm	8:05am+1	5 via GUM
OZ626/721	3:20am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	UA180/5077	9:55pm	2:35pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
UA5070/179	4:15am	9:55pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM	UA180/5077	9:55pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM				
UA5068/179	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM				
UA5039/179	2:20pm	9:55pm	6 via Rota-GUM				
UA5078/179	3:10pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via GUM				

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju AirETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily			
3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily			
4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily			
5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily						
6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily						
ROTA TO SAIPAN								
DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY						
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat						
4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat						

BOG mobile ATM ushers 2016 FestPac countdown

HAGATNA, Guam—Bank of Guam is pleased to announce the unveiling of its mobile ATM, which now reflects its Latte sponsorship of the 2016 Festival of the Pacific Arts or FestPac.

» Rebranded ATM features cultural performers

FestPac, scheduled for May 22-June 4, 2016, is being held in Guam for the first time ever and will be staged at Hagatña's Paseo de Susanna as the main festival village. Also known as the "Olympics of Pacific Arts," FestPac is the largest cultural event in Guam's history that will host 27 countries and territories from across the Pacific. It is expected to draw over 3,100 delegates and their accompanying representatives. The theme for FestPac 2016 is, "Håfa Iyo-ta, Håfa Guinahå-ta, Håfa Ta Pätte, Dinanña' Sunidu Siha Giya Pasifiku," which translates to

"What we own, what we have, what we share—United Voices of the Pacific."

Lou Leon Guerrero, Bank of Guam president, Board chair, and chief executive officer stated, "As a Latte Sponsor of the first ever FestPac held on Guam, we are deeply honored to

be a supporter of the region's culture. Re-branding our signature mobile ATM is the first visible step in our plan to promote Guam and our region in this once-in-a-generation event." Nathan Denight, Guam Visitors Bureau general manager and FestPac 2016 chairman added, "We are excited for the new distinctive and cultural look of Bank of Guam's ATM as Guam prepares to celebrate the Festival of Pacific Arts in 2016. As we count down the days to this

prestigious event, we encourage the community to learn more about FestPac by logging on to guamfestpac2016.com."

The newly re-branded mobile ATM will be provided to the public during the two weeks of the FestPac festivities. The cover was designed by the Galaide Group.

For more information on the mobile ATM, please contact Jackie Marati at (671) 472-5258. **(BOG)**

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2 days left to drop off hazardous wastes and large appliances

Only two days remain for Typhoon Soudelor survivors to drop off household hazardous waste, large appliances (white goods) and electronics at Kobler Air Field.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the CNMI Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality worked together to provide this option to people who lost such goods to typhoon damage. Residents can bring their household hazardous waste, white goods and electronics that were damaged by Typhoon Soudelor to the old Kobler Air Field on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 25 and 26, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

EPA will continue to collect household hazardous waste at the Lower Base Transfer Station, Monday through Saturday from 7:30am to 4pm.

Both locations accept disaster-related drop-offs free of charge. This option is intended for materials damaged by Typhoon Soudelor. However, those who are unsure if their appliances work and intend to seek replacement assistance from FEMA are encouraged to retain their appliances until power is restored. If the power

is off, appliances should be turned off and unplugged to prevent possible damage when power is restored.

Household hazardous waste includes cleaners, pesticides, lawn and garden products, workshop and paint supplies, automotive supplies, batteries, solvents, thermometers, fluorescent lights, and flammable products such as oil, gas and propane. Another way to identify household hazardous waste is from labels that say things like: Caution, Warning, Danger, Poison, Toxic, Flammable, or Corrosive. Improper disposal of these materials increases the risk of contaminating air, water and soil. For example, materials placed in drains flow directly to septic tanks or sewage treatment plants or directly into the ocean, polluting the ocean and potentially harming sensitive coral reefs.

White goods include refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, stoves, ovens, microwave ovens, water heaters, washers, and dryers. Televisions, computers, and other electronics can also be dropped off. Residents may call CNMI BECQ at 670-664-8500 with drop-off questions. **(FEMA)**

Search for missing swimmer off Tumon, Guam

SANTA RITA, Guam—Coast Guard Sector Guam is searching for a missing swimmer off of Tumon, Guam.

Gaum Fire Department reported to Coast Guard Sector Guam a distressed swimmer in Tumon Bay at 6:18pm, Tuesday. The swimmer is reported to be a male in his early 20s, wearing black swim shorts and a black shirt. Also involved in the search effort are Guam

Fire Department, Guam Police Department, Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC-25), Coast Guard Station Apra harbor, Coast Guard Cutter Assateague, and a Naval P-3 Aircraft out of Kadena Air Base Japan.

Search efforts are continuing.

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World

European ministers agree to relocate 120,000 refugees

BRUSSELS (AP)—Deeply divided European Union ministers agreed Tuesday to relocate 120,000 asylum-seekers to ease the strain on Greece and Italy, which are on the front line of the migrant flood. But a senior European leader conceded the move was only a small step toward resolving one of the worst crises ever faced by the 28-nation bloc.

Four eastern European countries—the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Romania and Hungary—voted against the plan, and it's unclear if they will even implement it. Those

nations have resisted accepting the forced resettlement of refugees on their territory.

Slovakia would rather breach the measure “than accept such a dictate,” said Prime Minister Robert Fico.

His Czech counterpart, Bohuslav Sobotka, added: “It’s a bad decision, and the Czech Republic did all it could to block it.”

EU leaders will gather Wednesday evening in Brussels to try to adopt a unified approach to the crisis that has seen 477,906 people stream into Europe from the Middle East, Africa and Asia, according to

estimates by the U.N. refugee agency. Some European countries have reinstated border controls to stem the flood, and Hungary has built a fence topped with razor wire on its frontier with Serbia.

EU Commission First Vice President Frans Timmermans insisted that all member states “respect the outcome” of the relocation plan, which he said showed the bloc is “capable of taking decisions even if, for some member states, these are very difficult decisions.”

But even Timmermans conceded it was only a small

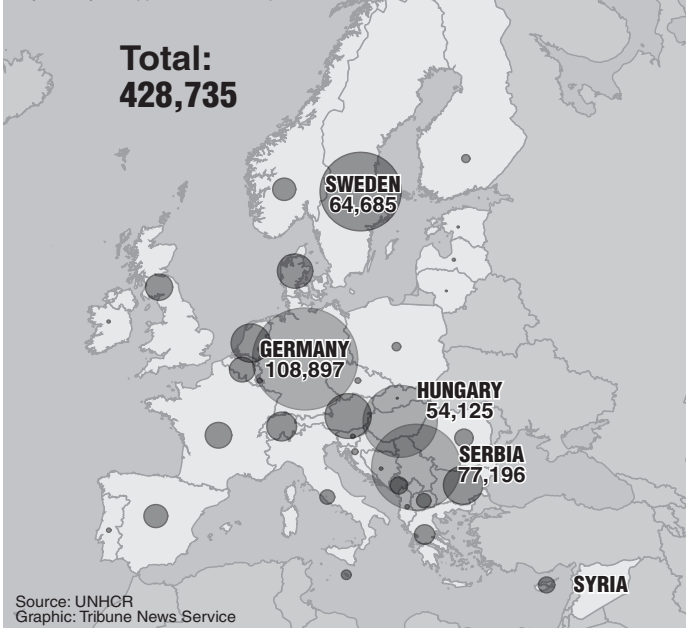
step, and plenty more remains to be done.

“In and by itself, the decision we took today is not going to solve the refugee crisis,” he said. “The refugee crisis can be brought under control, but make no mistake it will take a tremendous amount of effort, it will take a long time, and it will take many steps in many areas.”

The office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees urged the EU to quickly set up facilities in Greece, where tens of thousands have arrived after making the hazardous sea crossing from Turkey.

Asylum seekers from Syria

Syrian asylum applications in Europe since 2011



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If any of these categories apply to you, please contact WIA.

Category A: General Dislocated Workers. To qualify, an individual must meet the following three criteria:

- Has been terminated or laid off, or has received a notice of termination or layoff, from employment;
- Is eligible for or has exhausted entitlement to unemployment compensation; OR has been employed or attached to the workforce for a duration sufficient to demonstrate to WIOA, but is not eligible for unemployment compensation due to insufficient earnings or having performed services for an employer that were not covered under a state unemployment compensation law; and
- Is unlikely to return to a previous industry or occupation.

Category B: Plant Closure. To qualify, an individual must meet one of the following three criteria:

- Has been terminated or laid off, or has received a notice of termination or layoff, from employment as a result of any permanent closure of, or any substantial layoff at, plant, facility, or enterprise;
- Is employed at a facility at which the employer has made a general announcement that such facility close within 180 days; or
- For purpose of eligibility to receive services other than training, intensive or supportive services under WIOA, is employed at a facility at which the employer has made general announcement that such facility will close.

Category C: Self Employed or Unemployed. To qualify, an individual must meet the following criteria:

- Was self employed (including employment as a farmer, a rancher, or a fisherman) but is unemployed as a result of general economic conditions in the community in which the individual resides or because of natural disasters.

Category D: is a displaced homemaker;

DISPLACED HOMEMAKER—The term “displaced homemaker” means an individual who has been providing unpaid services to family members in the home and who—

- (i) has been dependent on the income of another family member but is no longer supported by that income; or
- (ii) is the dependent spouse of a member of the Armed Forces on active duty (as defined in section 101(d)(1) of title 10, United States Code) and whose family income is significantly reduced because of a deployment (as defined in section 991(b) of title 10, United States Code, or pursuant to paragraph (4) of such section), a call or order to active duty pursuant to a provision of law referred to in section 101(a)(13)(B) of title 10, United States Code, a permanent change of station, or the service-connected (as defined in section 101(16) of title 38, United States Code) death or disability of the member; and
- (B) is unemployed or underemployed and is experiencing difficulty in obtaining or upgrading employment.

Category E:

- Is the spouse of a member of the Armed Forces on active duty (as defined in section 101(d)(1) of title 10, United States Code), and who has experienced a loss of employment as a direct result of relocation to accommodate a permanent change in duty station of such member; or
- Is the spouse of a member of the Armed Forces on active duty and who meets the criteria described in Displaced Homemaker Definition (B).

You may be able to qualify for services under WIOA's Dislocated Worker Funding Program. All other program eligibility requirements apply.

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Pope Francis arrives in US

WASHINGTON (AP)—The pope of the poor arrived for his first-ever visit to the world's wealthiest superpower Tuesday denying he is a leftist and riding in a frugal little family car, windows rolled down.

Pope Francis' chartered plane from Cuba touched down at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland, where President Barack Obama and his wife and daughters paid him the rare honor of meeting him at the bottom of the stairs on the red-carpeted tarmac. Presidents usually make important visitors come to them at the White House.

Emerging from the aircraft to loud cheers from a crowd of hundreds, the smiling 78-year-old pontiff removed his skullcap in the windy weather and made his way down the steps in his white robes.

He was welcomed by a military honor guard, chanting schoolchildren, politicians, and Roman Catholic clerics in black robes with vivid sashes of scarlet and purple. Joe Biden, the nation's first Catholic vice pres-

ident, and his wife were among those who greeted him.

Eschewing a limousine, the pope climbed into the back of a little Fiat sandwiched between huge black SUVs. He promptly rolled down the windows, enabling the cheering, whooping crowds to see him as his motorcade took him to the Vatican diplomatic mission in Washington, where he will stay while in the nation's capital.

The choice of car was in keeping with his simple habits and his stand against consumerism. His decision to roll down the windows reflected his penchant for trying to connect to ordinary people despite the tight security around him.

During his six-day, three-city visit to the U.S., the pope will meet with the president on Wednesday, address Congress on Thursday, speak at the United Nations in New York on Friday and take part in a Vatican-sponsored conference on the family in Philadelphia over the weekend.

China economy: Weakened but still growing

BEIJING (AP)—President Xi Jinping is visiting the United States as leader of a China whose image of economic success has taken a beating.

Stock market turmoil and a surprise currency devaluation fueled fears of a Chinese slump with global repercussions. But even a weaker China still is on track to turn in some of the world's strongest growth this year. And some industries including retailing are expanding at double-digit rates.

China's 5-year-old slowdown is self-imposed as the ruling Communist Party tries to steer the world's second-largest economy to more self-sustaining growth based on domestic

consumption. Steel and construction suffered as the party put the brakes on an investment boom, but as job creators they already have been supplanted by e-commerce, tourism and other service industries.

“Those touting China's sudden fragility are either exaggerating current problems or have entirely missed the slowdown of the past several years,” said China Beige Book, a U.S. research firm, in a report this week. It said China's image might be “more thoroughly divorced from facts on the ground” than at any time since it began conducting surveys of the country's economy five years ago.

Life & Style

ABC's 'black-ish' tackles the 'N-word'; felt, not heard

LOS ANGELES (AP)—When “black-ish” creator Kenya Barris confiscated his daughter’s phone for a teenage misstep, he was taken aback by one message string he read.

“Hold on, why is this kid saying the N-word?” Barris recalled asking his 16-year-old. “And she said, ‘All my friends say it.’”

Barris realized that it’s “become for them this word that has no history, no understanding, nothing but that rap has made it a cool rhyming word, or something to add punctuation to a sentence. It’s lost all meaning.”

That epiphany lead to the second-season opener of ABC’s “black-ish,” airing 9:30 p.m. EDT Wednesday, which puts the word in the context of both the multigenerational Johnson family and, more broadly, within black history.

The episode’s approach is candid and direct, as is the se-



ries’ trademark, but avoids trading in shock value. The N-word is used perhaps a dozen times by different characters but is always bleeped out.

The story is also very, very funny, in a way that the smartest and most engaging television

can be in the right hands and with a network’s support.

“Black-ish” stars Anthony Anderson and Tracee Ellis Ross as parents whose crowded household includes four children and granddad Pops (Laurence Fishburne). It is ador-

able youngest son Jack (Miles Brown) who prompts the crisis. His elementary school talent show rendition of Kanye West’s “Gold Digger,” N-word included, sends the audience into shock and administrators into action: Jack is to be expelled under a “zero tolerance” policy that his own mother, Dr. Rainbow Johnson, had demanded.

His dad, Dre, who has to confess that he had encouraged a car sing-along to West’s song with Jack, word included, offers a knee-jerk defense. “It’s his birthright,” he declares to his wife. “Jewish kids get to go to Israel, black kids get to say this.”

“That is ridiculous,” Rainbow replies. “Nobody should say it. It is an ugly, hate-filled word with an even uglier and hate-filled history.”

The debate, which expands to include exchanges with other family members, outsiders and Dre’s white and black co-workers, goes back and forth: The word is wrong; it’s wrong for whites, right for blacks; it’s right sometimes, and if the context is fully understood.

Debate, along with laughs, is what Barris says he intended to provoke when he decided to take on the topic.

“I could put up a big argument that it (the word) has polarized and galvanized this country in a way that nothing else has,” he said. For some African-Americans there’s “some kind of community within the idea that that’s what we’ve been called in this country,” and it’s now theirs to own.

Donald Trump plays straight man to host Stephen Colbert

NEW YORK (AP)—Stephen Colbert has showered thanks on Donald Trump, his “Late Show” guest.

Trump earned it Tuesday night. Peppered with questions and wisecracks by the CBS host during his appearance, the usually domineering Trump was reduced to straight-man status, an unaccustomed role he performed with rare grace.

He was even gung-ho for a game that called for guess-

ing who in the past had made certain outlandish remarks: Trump or the comically conservative blowhard Colbert played for a decade as host of “The Colbert Report.”

Trump or Colbert? “It’s freezing and snowing in New York. We need global warming.”

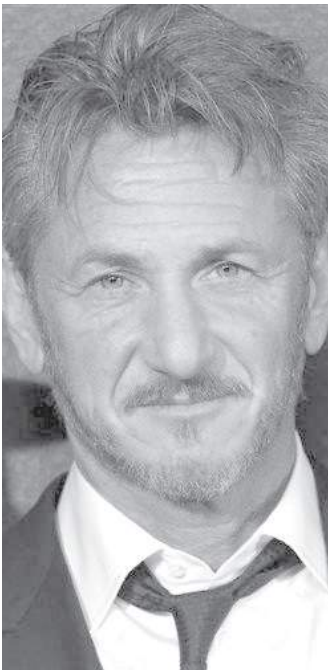
“I think it’s you,” Trump hedged, “but it’s close to being me.”

It was Trump.



In this photo provided by CBS, Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump, left, joins host Stephen Colbert on the set of “The Late Show with Stephen Colbert,” Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2015, in New York.

Sean Penn files \$10 million suit against ‘Empire’ co-creator



NEW YORK (AP)—Sean Penn on Tuesday filed a \$10 million defamation lawsuit against “Empire” co-creator Lee Daniels over comments Daniels made comparing him to the show’s star Terrence Howard, who’s been repeatedly accused of domestic violence.

Daniels’ comments appeared online about a week ago in the entertainment publication The Hollywood Reporter in a story about the upcoming season of the popular Fox television show.

In this Feb. 16, 2015 file photo, actor Sean Penn arrives for the World Premiere of “The Gunman” at the BFI south bank cinema, in London.

“That poor boy (Terrence) ain’t done nothing different than Marlon Brando or Sean Penn, and all of a sudden he’s some ... demon,” Daniels said in the article. “That’s a sign of time, of race, of where we are right now in America.”

Penn’s lawsuit, filed in Manhattan civil court, says Daniels’ statements were egregious and injured Penn’s credibility and reputation personally, professionally and in his philanthropic activities.

Penn has won two best actor Oscars, for “Mystic River” and “Milk.” He has made a major humanitarian push in Haiti after it was devastated by an earthquake, co-founding the J/P Haitian Relief Organization.

But he also has a reputation for angry behavior. In 2010, he pleaded no contest to vandalism after he kicked a celebrity photographer, but the case later was dismissed.

In the 1980s, he was in court in connection with fisticuffs and spitting. He beat a man he thought was trying to kiss Madonna in a nightclub, and he admitted driving recklessly and punching an extra on the set of the movie “Colors.”

His attorney Mathew Rosengart said the lawsuit isn’t just about Daniels’ comments.

“Sean has been the subject of numerous baseless attacks over the years, as the complaint provides, and this is only the most recent example,” he said.

Birth mom is not out of options for repaying daughter's loan

DEAR ABBY: Your advice to “Poor Birth Mother in Georgia” on June 12—“Because the college loan agreement with your daughter was verbal and wasn’t put in writing, you don’t have a legal means to force her to assume the loan payments”—was wrong!

Verbal agreements are enforced if they can be proven to be true. Even if the daughter didn’t promise to make the payments, she may be held liable for them because money provided for the benefit of another gives rise to an implied and enforceable obligation to repay it.

If the statute of limitations has not run out, I think she’s got a pretty good case. Whether it’s economically feasible is another issue, as is the wisdom of getting into litigation with one’s daughter.

Check with your own attorney. You made a mistake that you should correct. If you are a lawyer, you should have known better; if you’re NOT a lawyer, you should avoid giving legal advice.

ATTORNEY IN PALM DESERT, CALIF.

DEAR PALM DESERT: You are not the only lawyer to say that. Attorneys nationwide wrote to point it out, and I apologize for that answer. Although I did consult an attorney who said my answer was correct, it appears we were both wrong. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Under Georgia law, ORAL agreements are en-

forceable. That mother could bring a lawsuit against her daughter to repay the loan. A famous Georgia case involved Ted Turner, who was sued for \$281 million based on an oral agreement. A Georgia court upheld the agreement, and Turner had to pay the \$281 million.

SAN FRANCISCO ATTORNEY

DEAR ABBY: Although the agreement “Poor Birth Mother” had with her daughter was an oral one, there may be some documentation, albeit peripheral: email, notes, birthday cards, thank-you cards. Also, the college application and financial disclosure form may say “loan from mother” as anticipated expense payment. The writer should talk to an attorney in Georgia.

MARIETTA, GA., READER

DEAR ABBY: Just the THREAT of a lawsuit may bring the daughter around. Lawsuits, sad to say, have enormous blackmail value; the cost to defend them is so high that people settle.

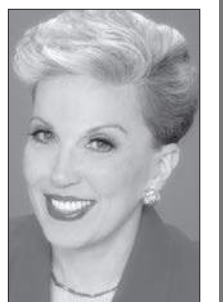
I’m a magna cum laude graduate and former officer of Harvard Law School, and for a few years of my misspent youth, a professor at the Northwestern University School of Law. If I were licensed in Georgia, I’d represent her, probably for free (lawyers do such things).

ATTORNEY IN IRVING, TEXAS

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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DEAR ABBY: Tell the mother to consult her local bar association and ask if it has a pro bono (free) hotline or clinic to advise her.

TEXAS LAWYER

DEAR ABBY: Have her contact Georgia’s Division of Aging and speak to Adult Protective Services. Among the things it deals with is elder abuse, which includes physical, emotional and sexual abuse, neglect by a caregiver, self-neglect and financial exploitation.

READER IN GEORGIA

Abby shares more than 100 of her favorite recipes in two booklets: “Abby’s Favorite Recipes” and “More Favorite Recipes by Dear Abby.” Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$14 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Cookbooklet Set, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

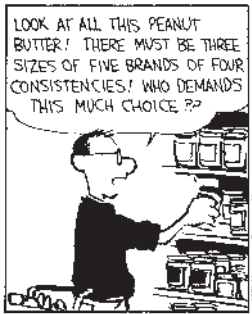
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Yankees Hall of Fame catcher Yogi Berra dies at 90

NEW YORK (AP)—Yogi Berra, the Hall of Fame catcher renowned as much for his dizzying malapropisms as his record 10 World Series championships with the New York Yankees, has died. He was 90.

Berra died of natural causes Tuesday at his home in New Jersey, according to Dave Kaplan, the director of the Yogi Berra Museum.

"While we mourn the loss of our father, grandfather and great-grandfather, we know he is at peace with Mom," Berra's family said in a statement released by the museum. "We celebrate his remarkable life, and are thankful he meant so much to so many. He will truly be missed."

Short, squat and with a homely mug, Berra was a legendary Yankee who helped the team reach 14 World Series during his 18 seasons in the Bronx.

Berra played in more World Series games than any other major leaguer, and was a three-time American League Most Valuable Player.

But his name appears almost as often in Bartlett's Famous Quotations as it does in baseball's record book.

"It ain't over 'til it's over" is among eight "Yogi-isms" included in Bartlett's.

"When I'm sittin' down to dinner with the family, stuff just pops out. And they'll say, 'Dad, you just said another one.' And I don't even know what the heck I said," Berra insisted.

Berra played for the Yankees from 1949-65. His teammates included fellow Hall of Famers Joe DiMaggio, Mickey Mantle and Whitey Ford.

In 1956, he caught the only perfect game in World Series history and after the last out leaped into pitcher Don Larsen's arms. The famous moment was captured in photographs published in newspapers around the world.

After his playing days, Berra coached or managed the Yankees, New York Mets and Houston Astros. He led both the Yankees and Mets to pennants.

In 1985, his firing as manager by the Yankees 16 games into the season sparked a feud with George Steinbrenner. Berra vowed never to return to Yankee Stadium as long as Steinbrenner owned the team.

But in 1999, Berra finally relented, throwing out the ceremonial first pitch of the Yankees' season-opening game.

Berra, the son of Italian immigrants, got his nickname while growing up in St. Louis. Among his amateur baseball teammates was Jack McGuire, another future big leaguer.

"Some of us went to a movie with a yogi in it and afterwards Jack began calling me Yogi. It

stuck," Berra told the Saturday Evening Post.

He was a fan favorite, especially with children, and the cartoon character Yogi Bear was named after him.

Berra, who played in 15 straight All-Star Games, never earned more than \$65,000 a season.

Growing up, he was anything but a natural.

Chunky and slow, Berra was rejected by his hometown St. Louis Cardinals after a tryout in 1943. But a Yankee scout recognized his potential and signed him.

He reached the majors late in the 1946 season and homered in his first at-bat. The next year, he continued to hit well, but his throwing was so erratic he was shifted to the outfield, then benched.

His breakthrough season came in 1948, when he hit .315 with 14 homers and 98 RBIs while continuing to improve his fielding. In 1949, he compiled a .989 fielding percentage and did not make an error in the All-Star Game or World Series.

"I don't care who the hitter is," New York manager Casey Stengel told the New York Journal-American. "(Berra) knows just how he should be pitched to."

Berra was AL MVP in 1951, 1954 and 1955. He holds World Series records for most hits (71) and most games (75).

He was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1972.

"You never think of that when you're a kid," Berra said. "But egads, you gotta be somethin' to get in."

Among his boyhood friends was Joe Garagiola, who went on to a career as a major league player and broadcaster. In rejecting Berra at the 1943 tryout, the Cardinals signed Garagiola, another catcher, instead.

Lawrence Peter Berra was born in St. Louis on May 12, 1925, the son of Pietro, a laborer in a brickyard, and Pauline Berra. He grew up in "The Hill," or Italian district, with three older brothers and a younger sister.

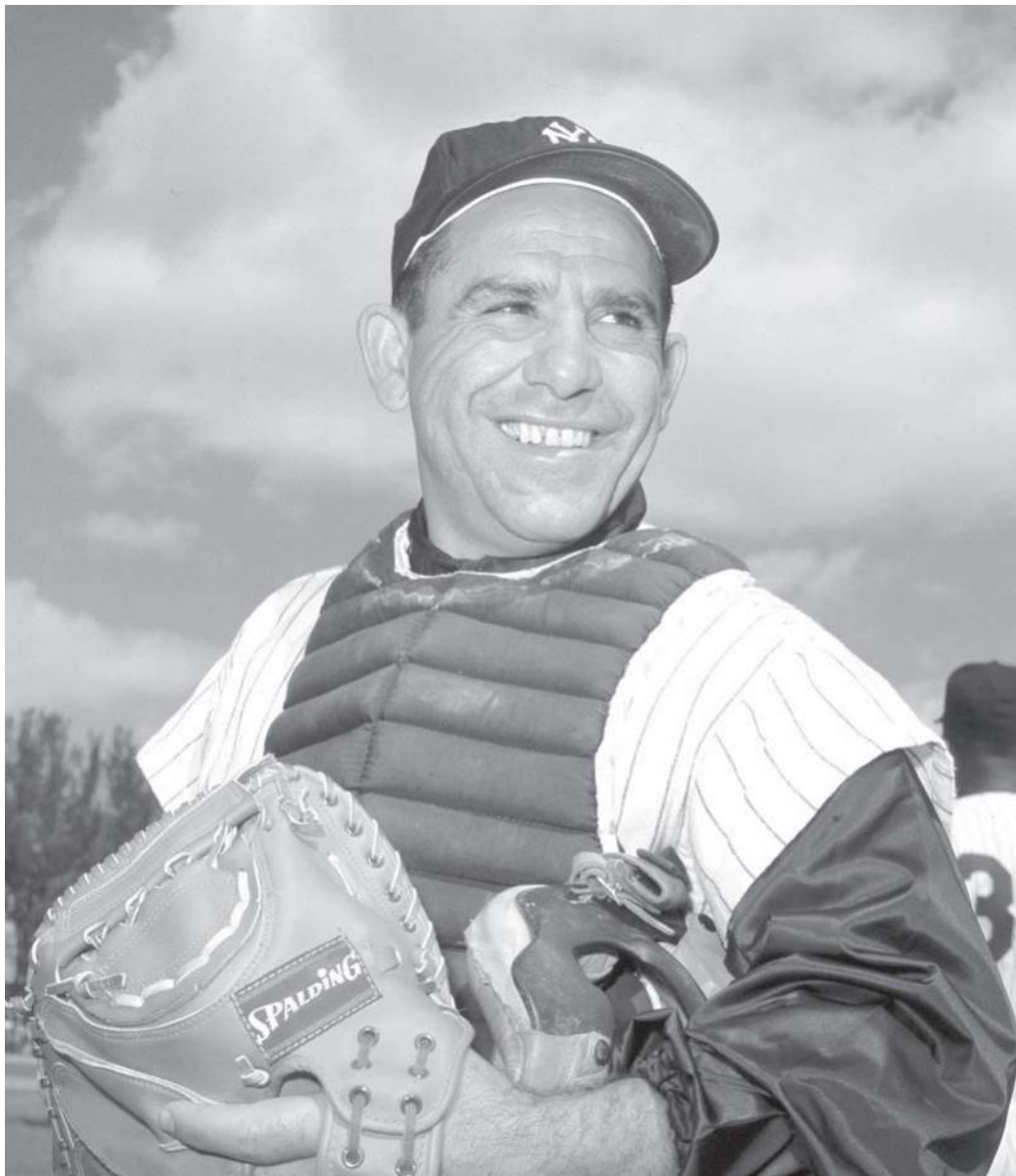
Berra was forced to drop out of school in the eighth grade and go to work to help support his family. He took jobs in a coal yard, as a truck driver and in a shoe factory.

He continued to play amateur baseball, which brought him to the attention of major league scouts.

In 1943, his first professional season with the Yankees' farm team in Norfolk, Va., was interrupted by World War II.

He joined the Navy and later served on a gunboat supporting the D-Day invasion.

Berra married his wife, Carmen, in 1949. The couple, who met in their native St. Louis, had three sons, including Dale Berra, who played in the major



AP
New York Yankee catcher Yogi Berra poses at spring training in Florida, in an undated file photo. Berra, the Yankees Hall of Fame catcher has died. He was 90.

leagues as an infielder.

Berra published three books: his autobiography in 1961, "It Ain't Over ..." in 1989 and "The Yogi Book: I Really Didn't Say Everything I Said" in 1998. The last made The New York Times' best seller list.

In 1996, Berra was awarded an honorary doctorate from the state university in Montclair, N.J., where he and his family lived. The university also named its baseball stadium for Berra. The adjoining Yogi Berra Museum opened in 1998.

The museum houses Berra memorabilia, including what he said was his most prized possession, the mitt he used to catch Larsen's perfect game.

He tickled TV viewers in recent years by bringing his malapropisms to a commercial with the AFLAC duck. ("They give you cash, which is just as good as money.")

His wife once asked Berra where he wanted to be buried, in St. Louis, New York or Montclair. "I don't know," he said. "Why don't you surprise me?"

Bird hits tiebreaking HR in 10th, Yankees beat Blue Jays



TORONTO (AP)—Greg Bird hit a three-run homer in the 10th inning and the New York Yankees beat the Toronto Blue Jays 6-4 Tuesday night to move closer in the AL East pennant race.

Bird connected off reliever Mark Lowe (1-3) for the rookie's 10th home run in 34 games and third in the past three nights.

Cubs 4, Brewers 0

In Chicago, Jake Arrieta threw a three-hitter to become the first pitcher in the major leagues to reach 20 wins. Kris Bryant set the Cubs rookie record for home runs and Chicago inched closer to a playoff berth with a victory over the Brewers.

Arrieta (20-6) struck out 11 for Chicago, whose magic number for making its first postseason in seven years dropped to three.

Angels 4, Astros 3

In Houston, Mike Trout and Albert Pujols hit back-to-back homers in the first inning and the Angels held on for an important victory over the Astros.

The victory moves the Angels 2 1-2 games behind Houston for the second American League wild-card spot.

Pirates 6, Rockies 3

In Denver, Starling Marte drove in two runs and the Pirates closed in on their third

straight playoff berth by beating the Rockies.

The Pirates reduced their magic number to one for securing at least an NL wild card. A win Wednesday against the Rockies would clinch another trip to the postseason.

Orioles 4, Nationals 1

In Washington, Ubaldo Jimenez pitched six gritty innings to earn his 100th career win and added an RBI single as the Orioles beat the Nationals in the rain-delayed opener of a series between teams fighting to remain in the playoff race.

Braves 6, Mets 2

In New York, Rookie right-hander Matt Wisler stopped his nine-start winless drought and the Braves stalled the Mets' push toward the NL East title.

Rangers 8, Athletics 6

In Oakland California, Delino DeShields hit a go-ahead sacrifice fly in the sixth four batters after Mitch Moreland connected for a tying two-run homer, and the Rangers beat the Athletics to increase their lead in the AL West.

Giants 4, Padres 2

In San Diego, Rookie Trevor Brown's RBI double was his first major league hit and Angel Pagan had a two-run home run for the Giants, who beat the Padres to pull within six games of first-place Los Angeles in the

NL West.

Diamondbacks 8, Dodgers 0

In Los Angeles, Robbie Ray pitched six innings of three-hit ball, A.J. Pollock and Paul Goldschmidt hit back-to-back homers in the seventh, and the Diamondbacks beat the Dodgers.

Tigers 2, White sox 1, 10 innings

In Detroit, Rajai Davis' two-out triple in the 10th gave Detroit a victory over the White Sox, one inning after the Tigers lost a combined no-hitter.

Anthony Gose drew a two-out walk from Zach Duke (3-6) in the 10th. Davis sliced a 3-1 fastball into the corner in right field and Gose easily beat Trayce Thompson's throw to the plate.

Rays 5, Red Sox 2

In Boston, Mikie Mahtook hit a two-run homer and Matt Moore recovered from a difficult start to strike out seven as the Rays beat the Red Sox.

Moore (2-4) allowed two hits and walked two in the first inning as Boston took a 2-0 lead.

Boston rookie Henry Owens was perfect through four innings.

Twins 3, Indians 1

In Minneapolis, Ervin Santana pitched strong into the eighth inning, Aaron Hicks and Brian

Dozier each had two hits and an RBI from the top two spots in Minnesota's lineup, and the Twins beat the Indians to start a critical series for the American League wild card chasers.

Mariners 11, Royals 2

In Kansas City Missouri, Robinson Cano homered twice and drove in four runs and Hisashi Iwakuma struck out a season-high 10 as the Mariners romped past the slumping Royals.

The AL Central-leading Royals have dropped 12 of 17. Their magic number for clinching the division remained three.

Phillies 6, Marlins 2

In Miami, Cody Asche hit two home runs to help Aaron Harang get his first victory in over a month as the Phillies beat the Marlins.

It was Harang's first win since July 30 against Atlanta, a span of eight starts. Harang (6-15) pitched seven innings, allowing two runs and seven hits.

Cardinals 3, Reds 1

In St. Louis, John Lackey pitched seven strong innings, rookie Tommy Pham continued his productive hitting and the Cardinals beat the Reds.

Lackey (13-9) allowed only a first-inning homer by Jay Bruce during his 16th quality start in 16 outings at Busch Stadium. The veteran right-hander struck out seven, walked none and lowered his home ERA to 1.97.

Cowboys get Cassel from Bills with Romo out at least 7 games



IRVING, Texas (AP)—Matt Cassel is headed to Dallas in a trade as the Cowboys try to bolster their depth at quarterback while Tony Romo is sidelined at least seven games because of a broken left collarbone.

The Cowboys acquired Cassel from Buffalo on Tuesday, sending a fifth-round pick in 2017 to the Bills and getting their seventh-round pick that year.

Both teams announced the trade, and two people familiar with the deal told The Associated Press about the draft picks involved because the round of the picks weren't disclosed.

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	86	65	.570	—
New York	83	67	.553	2½
Baltimore	74	76	.493	11½
Tampa Bay	73	78	.483	13
Boston	72	78	.480	13½

Central Division

Kansas City	87	63	.580	—
Minnesota	77	73	.513	10
Cleveland	74	75	.497	12½
Chicago	72	79	.477	15½
Detroit	70	81	.464	17½

West Division

Texas	81	69	.540	—
Houston	80	72	.526	2
Los Angeles	77	74	.510	4½
Seattle	74	77	.490	7½
Oakland	64	87	.424	17½

NATIONAL LEAGUE East Division

New York	85	66	.563	—
Washington	78	72	.520	6½
Miami	64	87	.424	21
Atlanta	61	91	.401	24½
Philadelphia	57	94	.377	28

Central Division

St. Louis	95	56	.629	—
Pittsburgh	91	60	.603	4
Chicago	89	62	.589	6
Cincinnati	63	87	.420	31½
Milwaukee	63	88	.417	32

West Division

Los Angeles	85	65	.567	—
San Francisco	79	71	.527	6
Arizona	73	78	.483	12½
San Diego	70	81	.464	15½
Colorado	63	88	.417	22½

z-clinched playoff berth

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Brandon Weeden is expected to start Sunday at home against Arizona (2-0), but Cassel is a veteran with far more experience than the fourth-year pro.

Cassel has 71 starts in 90 games over 11 seasons, not counting the opener this year when he took the first snap for the Bills with Tyrod Taylor lined up at receiver.

The Cowboys traded for the 33-year-old Cassel a few hours after putting Romo on the injured list with a designation to return.

The first possible game Romo, who was injured in last weekend's 20-10 win at Philadelphia, is Nov. 22 at Miami. He can practice again in six weeks, starting Nov. 4.

Dallas (2-0) also put defensive tackle Terrell McClain on season-ending injured reserve Tuesday with a toe injury sustained last weekend against the Eagles.

The Bills acquired Cassel

in a trade with Minnesota in March in what became their latest offseason quarterback shuffle.

He provided the Bills with veteran depth and was given a shot to compete for the starting job along with Taylor, a free-agent addition, and former starter EJ Manuel.

The three-way competition lasted until the final week of the preseason when Taylor was selected as the starter by coach Rex Ryan.

The Bills then made a calculated risk by releasing Cassel as part of a cost-cutting move because his \$4.15 million base salary was deemed too expensive for a backup. Days later, the Bills re-signed Cassel to a one-year contract with a \$2 million base salary.

Cassel said he turned down offers to sign with other teams to stay in Buffalo because he was familiar with the Bills' system and because he didn't want

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last Monday, joining Joshua Galarion, Joel Fruit, Yoshi Mafnas, Greg Sablan, Terrence Belcher, Josh Diego Masga, Sean Perez, and Ryu Tanzawa, who flew from Saipan to the Thai city. The other members of the squad—Christopher Aninzo, Emmanuel Aniana, Mareko Tekopua, Euly Ermitanio, Alan Hinson, and Chad Shankweiler along with coach Kiyoshi Sekiguchi, assistant coach Jerishwin Angeles, and delegation head Elna Curate came from Laos. Kennedy Izuka, who is still on Saipan, and Kansas-based Hunter Jewell complete the team and will be arriving in Bangkok in time for the qualifier set for Sept. 28 to Oct. 6.

"We're having a good training session overall. The players are gaining valuable experience and an overcast throughout the day (last Tuesday) and a drizzling afternoon helped with the humid weather," Zapanta said.

Yesterday, the group had a

short training session in the morning as it was scheduled to travel to Si Racha District to play against the touted Assumption Christian College.

"It will be a good test for the boys as I've heard from our liaison that they run a good football program and develop a lot of Thai national players," Zapanta said.

Meanwhile, news of the CNMI's training camp in Chonburi has reached local TV—Thairath—and the media company conducted an interview with Sekiguchi and some Commonwealth players.

Shankweiler during the interview said the team is progressing well and is prepared for the tournament in Bangkok where they will face the host, South Korea, and Singapore. Shankweiler added the Teen Ayuyus will use the support they are getting back home as inspiration to get a positive result from the AFC qualifier, while Fruit said the team must work together always to keep pace with their opponents.

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In this Saturday, Aug. 29, 2015, file photo, Buffalo Bills quarterback Matt Cassel (16) runs against the Pittsburgh Steelers during the first half of a pre-season NFL football game in Orchard Park, N.Y.

to relocate his wife, who was eight months pregnant.

Weeden, who turns 32 next month, has lost eight straight games as a starter, including last year against Arizona when Romo was out with a back in-

jury. The skid goes back to his two-year stint in Cleveland, where he had a 5-15 record after the Browns drafted him late in the first round in 2012.

Before the trade, owner Jerry Jones said on his radio show Tuesday that the Cowboys were looking for a backup to Weeden, not someone to replace him while Romo is out. The Cowboys brought in several quarterbacks for a workout before deciding on a trade instead.

Weeden was 7 of 7 with a

clinching 42-yard touchdown to Terrance Williams in last week's 20-10 win over the Eagles.

"Certainly we think Weeden has really progressed," Jones said. "I think we all feel good about what we got."

Kellen Moore, a fourth-year player who hasn't appeared in a regular-season game, is likely to get called up from the practice squad while the Cowboys get Cassel familiar with their system.

Seman is CWGA September Ace

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Bennet Seman clinched the CNMI Women's Golf Association September monthly tournament held last Sept. 12 at the Coral Ocean Point Golf Resort.

Seman started at the back nine shooting a 50 and ended up with a 54 at the front for a gross score of 104.

She, however, has a United States Golfers Association handicap of 25 that gave her a 79 net for 15 points and a one-shot win over veteran golfer Noriko Togawa.

CWGA awards points to each golfer with the member who earned the most number of points also winning after their yearend tournament.

Masayo Miyamoto could have forced a tiebreak with Seman with rounds of 46 and 43 for an 89 gross and with a 10 handicap also came up with 79.

She, however, did not to qualify after failing to submit her required scorecard for handicap calculation purposes.

Togawa came in second following a 42-42 round for an 84 and her 4 USGA handicap gave her an 80 net score and 14 points.

Matilde Hocog fired a 49 and 51 for a 100 gross and 81 net. The 19-handicapper also collected 13 points.

The trio of Sherlyn Jones, Dolores Yamagishi, and Seon Hee Kim were two shots back with identical 83s and 12, 11,



Seman

and 10 points each.

Jones tallied a 93 (45-48) and had a 10 handicap, while Yamagishi finished with a 97 (50-47) and a handicap of 14. Kim had a 105 (55-50) and a 22 handicap.

Lorraine Babauta and Kimiko Abe ended up tied with 86s for 9 and 8 points apiece.

Babauta (46-48) ended up with a 94 and with an 8 handicap gave her that 86 net, while Abe (47-49) scored a 96 gross (10 handicap, 86).

Terry Guerrero (53-46, 99, 12 handicap) and Anne Gillespie (61-65, 126, 31 handicap) completed the list of participants with an 87 and 95, respectively. Guerrero earned 7 points while Gillespie had 6.

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final round against Camacho's 19.8. He also earned 17.5 in the first round while Camacho had 16.2.

Ota Nami defeated Yasuko Nakamura in their one-on-one battle for the women's novice bodyboard event.

Nami, who held a 0.7 lead over Nakamura in the ranking

round (22.9-22.2), scored 26.1 points in the final round against her opponent's 23.2.

Ryu Dong Hyun, Lee Jong Il, and Hyun Seok Jung did not show up in the men's novice bodyboard division.

The two-day event attracted riders from Japan, Korea, the Philippines, Russia, and the United States.

The seeding format, which only started last year, gives the

judges a preview of what to look forward to in the final day of competitions in the bodyboard and flowboard's open and expert divisions.

IT&E, Bridge Capital, LLC, PIC Saipan, Pacific Trading Co., Jeju Airlines, Coral Ocean Point Golf Resort, Triple J Five Star Wholesale Foods, Swirls, Loco Boutique, Waveloch, Japan Flow-rider Association, and Boarderline are the event sponsors.

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shooter's bounce off his 3-point attempt, while Ernie Moises made two layups and Ivan Devero added another point-blanked shot.

Bart Demapan bailed out Pasion De Amor as he sank a jump hook off an Elmer Esdrelon feed, while Nestor Arreza hit an open layup after a Devero airball on the other end, giving their team more cushion, 67-59, going into the two minutes of the match.

Down, but definitely not out, Makaloro Lang cut the deficit to 6 off a quick shot from Errol Peredo, but Pestillos countered with a turnaround jumper to keep Pasion De Amor's safe distance, with 1:25 left in the match.

With the clock ticking and still behind by 8, Makaloro Lang was pressured to score more and responded to the challenge with

Devero making up for his earlier booby with a jumper and Raymond Velasco connecting on a drive to bring the lead down to 4 again, 69-65. Makaloro Lang had a chance to move close after a missed layup from Pasion De Amor, but Devero muffed a layup and a putback off a Velasco wayward drive.

The successive misses sealed the doom for Makaloro Lang, as Pasion De Amor made a basket on the other end off a fastbreak layup from Pestillos.

Pestillos finished with 18 points, matching Chris Arreza's production, while Demapan led Pasion De Amor with his 20 points. Demapan had 11 in the first half, which ended with Pasion De Amor holding on to a 32-25 advantage. Pasion De Amor had a 7-0 windup in the first 20 minutes of play to spoil Makaloro Lang's initial comeback attempt.

Pasion De Amor then wid-

ened the gap to as much as 13 early in the second half, 47-34, behind the 3-point shooting of Esdrelon. However, Makaloro Lang refused to give up and won the next exchange, 18-8, with Peredo teaming up with Devero to trim the deficit to 3, 52-55, with still eight minutes left in the match.

Pasion De Amor sued for time and when the game resumed it launched an 8-0 run capped by Demapan's basket in the paint to bring the lead back to double digits, 63-52, before Makaloro Lang rallied anew and fell short in the end.

Pasion De Amor 71 – Demapan 20, C. Arreza 18, Pestillo 18, Esdrelon 6, N. Arreza 1.

Makaloro Lang 65 – Peredo 21, Devero 14, Moises 11, Velasco 10, Buenabajo 4, De Leon 3, Morales 2.

Scoring by halves: 32-25, 71-65



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CNMI builds up prep for AFC tourney

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The CNMI U19 National Team has its hands full in the last two days, holding multiple training sessions in preparation for the AFC U19 Championship Bahrain 2016 Qualifiers in Thailand.

Team manager Ruselle Zapanta told *Saipan Tribune* that the squad trained in the morning and afternoon last Tuesday and yesterday after arriving in Chonburi Sunday evening.

"Last Tuesday, we worked on our technical skills in the morning and had a short scrimmage



in the afternoon. The team is still trying to gel back together after three players from the U.S. rejoined us," Zapanta said.

Scott Kim, Won Young Kim, and Jordan Butcher arrived in Chonburi for the training camp

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Coach Kiyoshi Sekiguchi gives final instructions to the CNMI U19 National Team players before their scrimmage against Assumption Christian College yesterday in Thailand.

Pasion De Amor regains form



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Pasion De Amor's Rey Pestillos scoops up a layup against Makalaro Lang's Greg De Leon during the first half of their game in the Blue Haus-IT&E caging yesterday at the Navy Hill court.

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Pasion De Amor is back on track following a 71-65 win against erstwhile leader Makalaro Lang yesterday in their game in the 2015 Blue Haus/IT&E Inter-Color Basketball League at the Navy Hill court.

Pasion De Amor withstood Makalaro Lang's repeated comeback bids to end its two-game skid and improve its record to 3-2. Makalaro Lang dropped to a 4-2 mark for a tie for second place with Wag

Kang Pabebe and behind solo leader Oh My J (4-1).

Bart Demapan and Rey Pestillos hit clutch baskets in the homestretch for Pasion De Amor to survive Makalaro Lang's last stand. The two combined for 8 of Pasion De Amor's final 10 points, preventing Makalaro Lang from overhauling an 11-point deficit.

Makalaro Lang moved to within 4, 59-63, after launching an 8-0 run in less than two minutes. Greg De Leon sparked the rally as he got the

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Youngster earns judges' nod in Point Break Open

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Daniel Bae is new to the water sport of bodyboarding but give him a few years and he could pose as a threat to the veterans that regularly compete in the Point Break Open Saipan.

The 7-year-old, who only started eight months ago, bested five other youngsters to rule the Grommets division in last weekend's tournament held at the Pacific Islands Club's flowrider facility in San Antonio.

A Grommet is a surfer slang for a young surfer.

Bae tallied 35.6 points for an almost 10-point advantage over Yuzuka Nishimura's 25.9 while Andy Kim settled for third with 22.3 markers in the final round.

Lee Jung Woo, the other finals qualifier who scored 15.7 points in the ranking round, was a no-show in Saturday's finals. He was in the same bracket with Bae and Yu Chae Won, who also failed to show up.

Nishimura and Kim were in the other bracket in the ranking round along with Ahn Hyeon Jun and Ahn Min Jun.

Bae scored 36.3 points to earn

the top ranking followed by Kim (21.4), Nishimura (19.1), and Lee (15.7). Only the Top 2 participants in each bracket advanced to the finals.

Bae wowed the judges with his routine that featured speed, flow, and variety. He did drop knees and maneuvered his

bodyboard from right to left while lying on his stomach.

In one of his routines, he even let his bodyboard just float a few feet away from him, letting his body be carried by the flowride's artificial waves before precisely grabbing back his bodyboard that earned wild

cheers from the crowd and admiration from the judges.

Frank Sanchez bested Shane Camacho in their two-cornered fight for the kids bodyboard crown.

Sanchez scored 22.8 in the

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Daniel Bae shows some of his moves that earned high scores from the judges to rule the Grommets Bodyboard division of last weekend's 2015 Point Break Open Saipan at the Pacific Islands Club's flowrider facility in San Antonio.